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# All collections for poor

## *After 'Edsa Tres,' Church rediscovers pastoral priorities*

**By Don G. Rapadas**
*Contributor*

**THE STENCH of "Edsa Tres" has yielded the sweet fruits of generosity and humility.**

All parishes and Catholic institutions in the Archdiocese of Manila have been instructed by Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin to allocate all collections from all Masses on Palm Sunday today to fund programs and services for the poor.

In the aftermath of "Edsa Tres," when for five days the poorest of the urban poor occupied the Edsa Shrine demanding the reinstatement of their idol, ousted President Joseph Estrada, the archdiocese has been hurting from criticism that it has not done enough for the poor.

It is a time for the Church to reflect, reexamine and rediscover its pastoral priorities.

Sin declared today "Caritas Sunday" in his pastoral letter to be read today, the beginning of the Holy Week for the entire Christian world. Caritas refers to the archdiocese's social welfare arm.

This dramatic shift of the Lenten observance to the plight of the poor captures the third theme (the first two are prayers and fasting) of the season, almsgiving. For while the faithful are called to acts of penance, self-renewal and conversion during these holy days, they are also called, as Cardinal Sin put it in his pastoral letter, to personal conversion through a concrete expression of love toward those in need.

"We see poor families living in *'karitons'* they call their homes, (who) on lucky days mix salt with rice to feed their empty stomachs. It is a shame (that) we did not recognize God in them," he said.

The people behind Caritas Manila have realized that their service to others done in the spirit of volunteerism can no longer be a private affair.

Aware of the many efforts of communities and parishes in the archdiocese, Caritas is now conducting a regular accomplishment survey among parish social services and development ministries to keep track of their programs for the poor and encourage documentation of parish social services toward a more concrete basis for pro-

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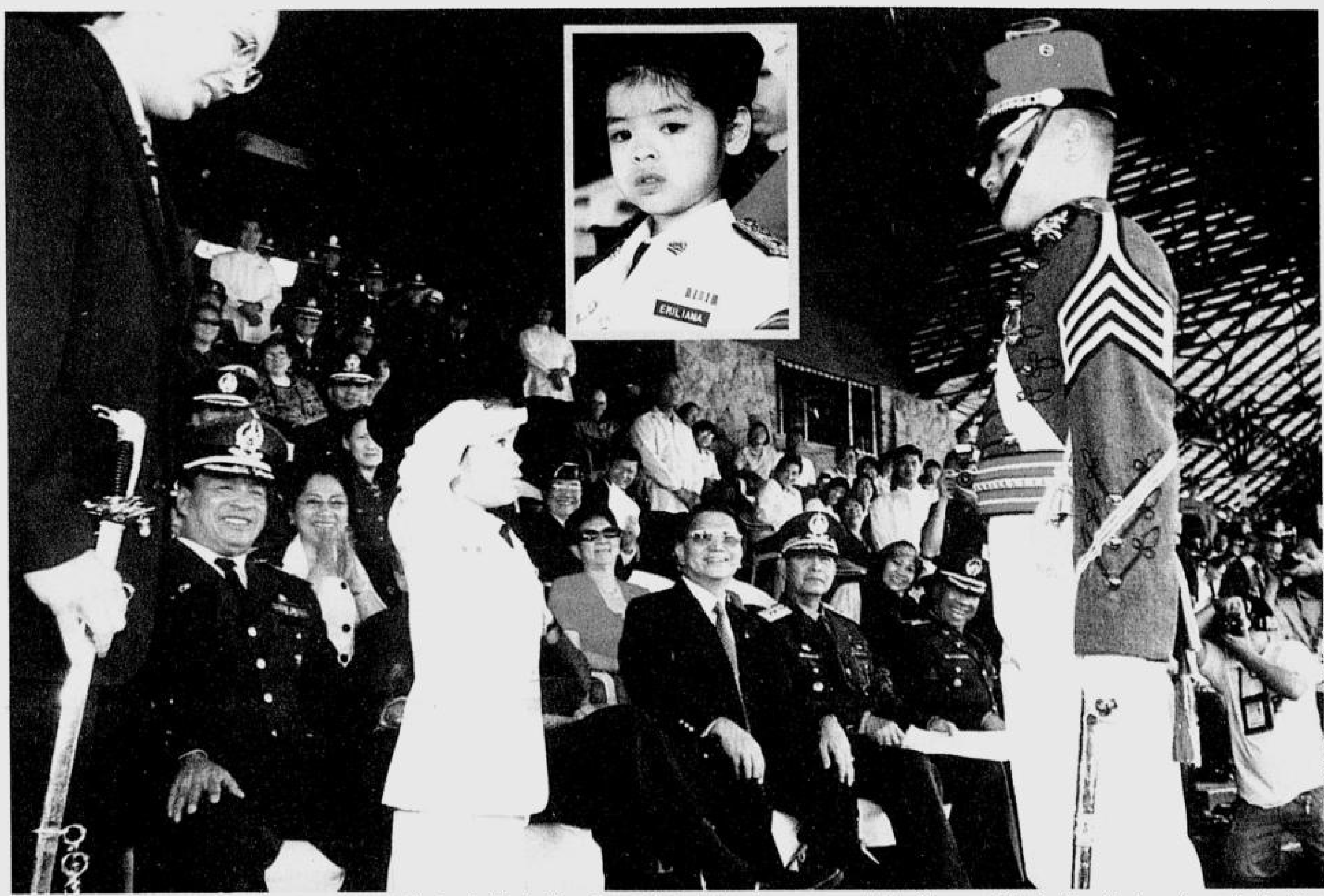

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**YOUNGEST** and first female descendant of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Emiliana Suntay Tañedo (inset), great-grandchild of the republic's first President, carries on the family tradition of giving the Aguinaldo Saber Award, this year to Cadet First Class Nilo Siddayao, a member of the PMA Banyuhay Class 2002 which graduates today.

# Little girl continues Aguinaldo family tradition

**By Jovelyn Reyes**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—At the age of 6, the youngest of the fifth-generation descendants of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo is the proud representative of her family at ceremonies and historical gatherings honoring her illustrious ancestor.

Emiliana Ricanette Suntay Tañedo, great-grandchild of the first President of the Republic, yesterday handed the Aguinaldo Saber to Cadet First Class Nilo Siddayao, a member of the Philippine Military Academy's Banyuhay Class of 2002.

The class graduates today, with President Macapagal-Arroyo as guest of honor and speaker.

Emiliana wore a replica of Aguinaldo's military uniform as she handed to Siddayao the 36-inch stainless steel saber, a symbol of leadership and academic excellence.

The preschooler later said she was happy with what she did. "I liked their show (the parade and review), and I like the PMA (cadets). I want to become like them," she said.

Siddayao said he did not know how to respond to the "little girl general" when she handed him the award.

But the child saluted the surprised cadet and shook his hand, to the applause of the audience composed of the graduating cadets' parents, relatives and friends.

Emiliana will perform the ritual for

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"WHAT'S one night of partying compared to four years of education?" Sensible question from Xavier elementary honor graduates. From left: Timothy Jason Cruz Simeon, Walther Neil Lim Hontiveros and Casey Wilson Go Lim. BERT HONTIVEROS

# Xavier graduates give up party for poor classmate

THERE was no graduation ball for Class 2002 of Xavier School's elementary department, but no one protested this break in tradition in the all-boys Jesuit institution in Greenhills, San Juan.

It was for a good cause, after all.

Instead of shelling out money for an expensive bash for the 375 graduates, their parents decided instead to use the cash for a scholarship fund. They hope the money can ensure that at least one "poor but deserving" member of the graduating class will continue his high school studies at Xavier.

Denied one night of partying, the children were transformed from boys to men—or more appropriately, "men for others."

Although Xavier has had countless scholars since its establishment 45 years ago, this is the first time an entire batch of graduates will virtually be taking care of one of its own.

"I'm glad this is happening in our school and we're a part of it. It's a fulfillment of what Xavier wants us all to be: men for others," said Walther Neil Lim Hontiveros, 13, who is also one of the most bemedalled graduates this year.

"I hope (this scholarship scheme) will be emulated by other schools and by future graduates," he told the In-

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# *Why are they doing this to Guingona?*

**By Christine Herrera**

AND to think that Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. delivered the introduction to his speech in Spanish.

Guingona was allegedly turned away from a luncheon meeting on March 21 hosted by the Mexican government in Monterrey, Mexico, and attended by diplomats from all over the world.

As a result, the Department of Foreign

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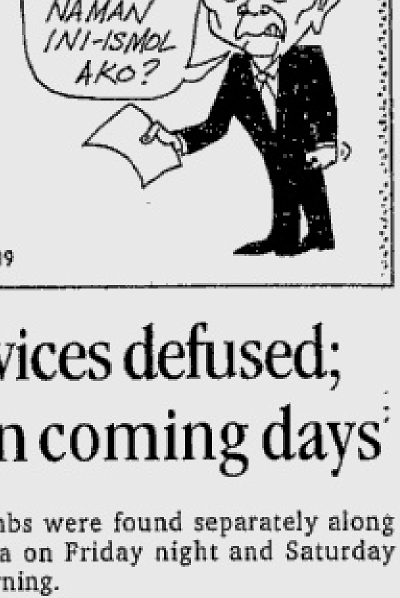
HANGGANG DITO BA NAMAN INI-ISMOL AKO?

# 2 more explosive devices defused; more bomb scares in coming days

MORE bombs defused, more clues left by the so-called "Indigenous People's Federal Army" and more bomb scares in the coming days.

"We'll continue to plant bombs. Just observe what happens in the coming days," a mysterious caller yesterday told Radio Mindanao Network.

The caller identified himself as "Adrev," the same name used in statements purportedly issued by the group that had claimed responsibility for planting eight bombs in Metro Manila the past week.

Police said two more homemade bombs were found separately along Edsa on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The two bombs, like the six other similar devices found earlier this week, were not rigged to explode.

Director Edgar Aglipay, head of the National Capital Region Police Office, said investigators would come up with artist sketches of those who planted the bombs in Makati City and Pasay City.

"We have witnesses who saw those who planted the bombs," Aglipay said.

Police on Friday released to the me-

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# Int'l 'peace' mission blocked in Basilan

**By Julie S. Alipala**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*
**Carlito Pablo and Donna S. Cueto**

**ISABELA CITY—Members of the international peace mission investigating the "war in Basilan" were yesterday prevented from interviewing jailed Abu Sayyaf suspects by provincial governor Wahab Akbar, a member of the 14-member panel said.**

Members of the House committee on human rights were also stopped from seeing the prisoners at the Basilan provincial jail.

Akbar did not offer any explanation for barring entry to the mission which was to have started a four-day investigation yesterday into the "real situation" in Basilan where some 160 United States troops are helping train and advise Filipino soldiers in their hunt for the Abu Sayyaf terrorists holding two American hostages.

Academic Walden Bello said the group tried to contact Interior Secretary Jose Lina but was told that only Akbar could approve any interviews.

### Rigid rules

Victoria Britain, another mission member, said it was the first time she had encountered such rigid rules with regard to prisoners.

"I have been to several peace missions in Rwanda and Burundi and I was allowed to interview prisoners," she said.

Not even the entreaties of Sanlakas Rep. Etta Ann Rosales, the chair of the House human rights committee, who was in Basilan to probe reports of rights violations, could move local authorities.

Despite the restrictions, however, Bello said the mission—comprising academics, social activists, parliamentarians, writers and politicians from all over the world—still managed to obtain some information on the condition of the 60 prisoners.

"We did the interviews with the prisoners by shouting from where we were, some 30 meters away from the jail," he said.

In Malacañang, officials said the Palace would guarantee full access to information and even security to the peace mission.

### Nothing to hide

"We have nothing to hide," presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said.

But National Security Adviser Roilo Golez was not too hopeful of the mission, calling it a "fault-finding frenzy."

"They will see human rights violations in everything the military, both the Philippine and US, does but will see no evil in the ways of the Abu Sayyaf," he said.

Golez said Bello, the mission organizer who is a University of the Philippines professor, was known for his "anti-American and anti-World Bank bias."

He said Bello would be sure to make a patently anti-American report, having claimed once that US policies were to blame for the birth of such terrorist groups as the Abu Sayyaf.

Tiglao said: "I would bet 100 percent that Bello would come up with a conclusion saying this is an imperialist aggression."

Tiglao, however, said the government would provide the mission with "all the information and the people they want to interview."

The mission members would be able to talk not only to Philippine military officers but also US officers involved in Balikatan 02-1 joint exercises although he doubted the US military would allow this, he said.

### Access to camps

Tiglao said the group would be given access to the Balikatan training camps in Basilan and Zamboanga City, if possible.

But he warned the mission members to be on guard once they step on Basilan island as they could be captured by lawless armed bands there, including the Abu Sayyaf.

In Basilan, Earl Martin, a member of the 14-man mission told reporters the government should "explore (the Abu Sayyaf problem) through the use of dialogue instead of military warfare."

"We certainly empathized with victims of violence like the kidnappings, but we need to look at the problem in a perspective with less casualties or further destruction of human lives, and it can only be resolved through dialogue and respect," he said.

Martin, a professor at the Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, said the presence of US troops in the country would not help solve the Abu Sayyaf problem.

"Solving the Abu Sayyaf banditry requires a long-term solution and that is to encourage active dialogue, constructive engagement between religious parties or between Muslims and Christians," he said.

### Tribal complaint

Subanen tribal leaders in Zamboanga City have complained that the ancestral land of the lumads were being threatened by the joint US-Philippine exercises.

Subanens had allowed their lands in Barangay Limpapa to be used by the Americans for at least six months for jungle training.

The property includes some 50 hectares of residential and agricultural lands.

Sulu Rep. Hussin Amin also appealed to the mission to investigate reports of human rights violations, particularly the arrest of suspected Abu Sayyaf members.

Bello said that it was important for the members of the peace mission to see for themselves what was happening in Basilan and Zamboanga because of the perception that the US and Philippine governments were not revealing the realities on the ground.

He urged the Philippine and US military troops to "cooperate" with the mission by giving "maximum transparency" to their operations.

He said the question now was if the group would be allowed to monitor US troop movements as requested.

### Canceled visit

A scheduled visit to the Balikatan training camp yesterday was canceled.

Bello said that through "the process of these talks," the group hopes to convince the US soldiers to go home.

"It's not a black and white situation," he said, noting how the Balikatan issue had "polarized the people in Basilan and in the Philippines."

"(We want to convince them) that the best form of solving the situation is through dialogue to demilitarize the situation," he said before leaving for Zamboanga late Friday.

# 5 Abus slain in new clash

ISABELA CITY—Fighting broke out between government troops and the Abu Sayyaf bandit group in Lantawan town yesterday hours before the arrival of an international fact-finding peace mission probing the "war in Basilan."

Fighting was still going on as of press time, said Capt. Noel Detoyato, the spokesperson of the military's Southern Command.

Detoyato said the Abu Sayyaf suffered five casualties although the military had recovered only one body. There were no casualties on the government side.

Yesterday's encounter, which occurred in Barangay Landungan, was the sixth engagement between the military and the bandit group since pursuit operations against the Abu Sayyaf started last week.

The military has tightened a security noose around Basilan island where United States Special Forces are training and advising government troops in their hunt for the Abu Sayyaf bandits who are holding US missionary couple Martin and Gracia Burnham and a Filipino nurse captive.

Detoyato said government troops had recovered some belongings believed to be those of the US hostages after they overran an Abu Sayyaf encampment in Lantawan on Thursday.

"The belongings were handed over to the US authorities for DNA testing to determine if these were really from the Burnhams," he said.

Detoyato said Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Cimatu was visiting troops in Lantawan when the fighting occurred.

Cimatu met soldiers in the battlefront and was briefed by Army commanders on the progress of the ongoing military rescue operation to free the Burnhams and the kidnapped nurse, Ediborah Yap.

But he declined to give details of the meeting. ***Julie S. Alipala and Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

# Soldier, 5 MILF rebs killed in shelling

COTABATO CITY—Government troops and Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels traded mortar fire in Buldon, Maguindanao, yesterday morning resulting in the death of a soldier and five rebels. Five soldiers were wounded.

Maj. Julieto Ando, spokesperson of the Army's 6th Infantry Division based in Maguindanao, said the rebels fired at least five 60-mm mortar rounds at elements of the Army's 75th Infantry Battalion who were patrolling in Barangay Sultan Base.

Ando said a Pfc. Perez was killed. He did not identify the wounded, or say what happened to the five rebel fatalities.

A report from Camp Aguinaldo said two MG-520 attack helicopters from the Air Force were called in by the soldiers and fired at the enemy positions.

Ando said that aside from shelling military positions, the rebels also planted bombs in the village.

"The bombs were planted on a road used by both civilians and the military," Ando told the INQUIRER.

But MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu said the military started the 30-minute firefight despite a ceasefire agreement between the government and his group in the face of ongoing peace talks.

"Day in and day out, soldiers fire mortar and rocket rounds toward our positions near Camp Abubakar," Kabalu told Radio dxMS.

"This is a clear violation of our ceasefire agreement," he said, adding the MILF was poised to file formal charges against the military.

Ando said the ceasefire agreement does not prevent the military from launching counter-attacks.

"We will continue our counter actions even if they are MILF rebels. The ceasefire will not prevent us from firing back. If we don't, they will continue harassing us..." he said.

Earlier, a member of the government peace panel said hostilities have occurred despite the truce.

"There are many hard-headed people out there who are operating without permission from their superiors," said Col. Romeo Calizo, chair of the government's ceasefire committee, referring to both military and MILF commanders.

But Calizo said that with the constant contact between him and his MILF counterpart, any problems brought about by skirmishes have been easily addressed.

"Now if there are skirmishes, both panels contact each other, then they all stop," he said. ***Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau, and TJ Burgonio***

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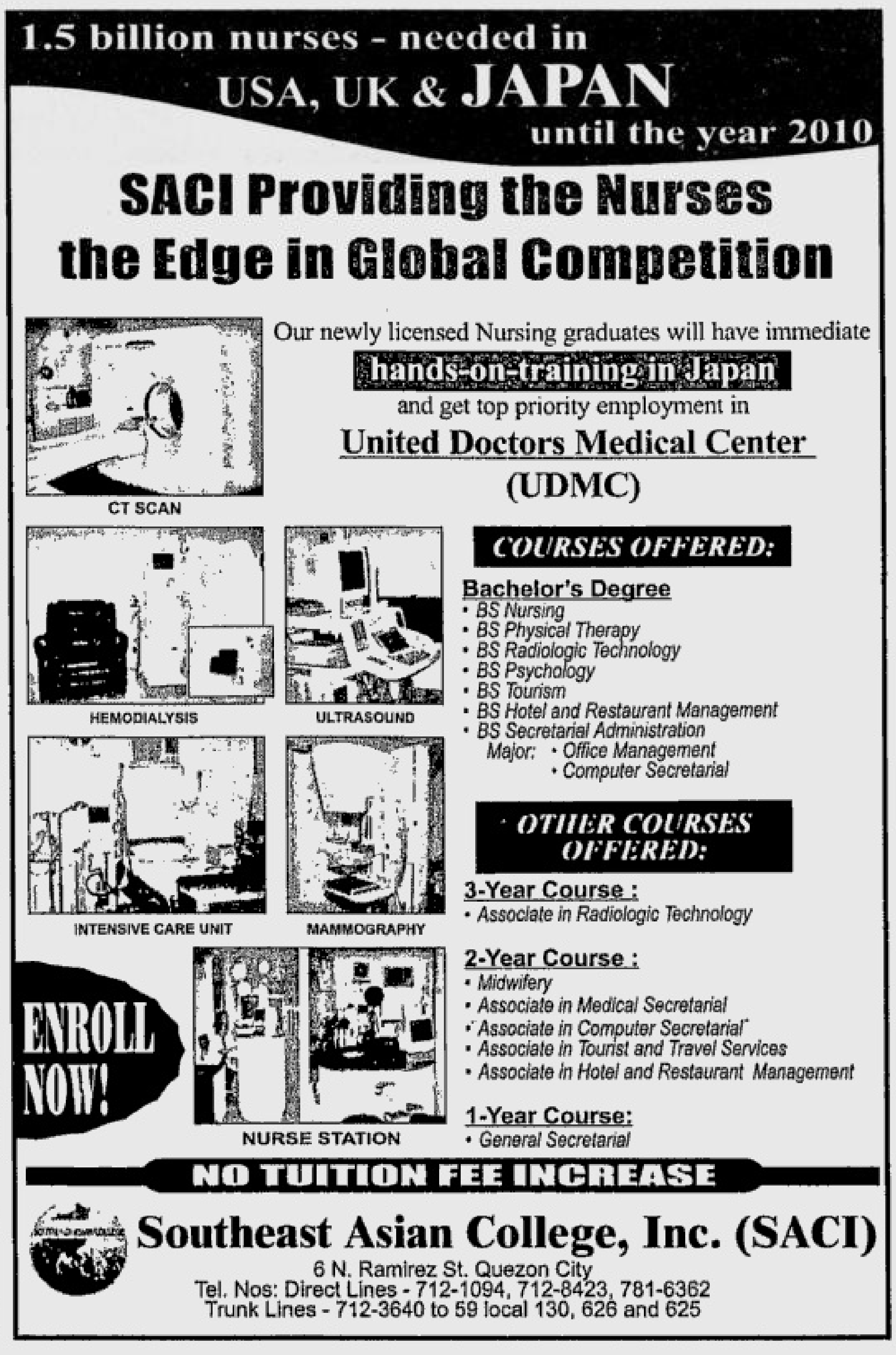
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# RP passports 'fastest in the world'—DFA

**By Christine Herrera**

THE DEPARTMENT of Foreign Affairs said yesterday the three-day turnaround time for the release of Philippine passports is the fastest in the world. And at P650 each, the travel document is also the cheapest.

DFA spokesperson Victoriano Lecaros said the Philippines was better off than other countries when it came to the speedy processing of passports.

"Our release of passports is among the fastest in the world. In the United States, applicants can get their passports in three weeks, Singapore two weeks, China, Malaysia and Indonesia almost two weeks," Lecaros told the INQUIRER.

Lecaros also said the cost of the passports was the "cheapest" in the world. "The P650 has been the price for the past 15 years," he said.

Lecaros was apparently attempting to assuage apprehensive passport applicants who are faced with a shortage of the necessary travel document. The shortage has resulted in longer queues at the DFA and delays in the release of the documents.

### Unusual surge

From the usual three days, passports now could be had in eight days. The DFA attributed the delay to the shortage caused by an "unusual surge" in demand.

"The shortage will be seriously felt in the next seven weeks because we have already used up our three-month buffer stock," said Lecaros. "But we are doing everything to avert that."

Because of the surge in demand, Lecaros said, DFA staff have become even "more thorough in scrutinizing submitted documents."

"We have a situation where so many people want passports. We have to scrutinize their documents thoroughly and to do that takes so much time," Lecaros said.

Lecaros acknowledged that the downside to the speedy release of passports was that the documents could be easily tampered with.

To correct the situation, Lecaros said the DFA would start issuing this year Machine Readable Passports and Visas (MRPV), an automated passport. ***With Cynthia D. Balana***

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# Cement importers' bluff confirms dumping–ex-solon

FORMER Rep. Edcel Lagman yesterday said cement importers' claim that they could bring down the price of imported cement to P100 per bag was just propaganda and only confirmed that they have been making huge profits from the dumping of cheap imports into the country.

Lagman, spokesperson of the Philippine Cement Manufacturers' Corp. (Philcemcor), said importers could well afford to dump their prices because they have been buying at P58 per bag.

"All the importers combined have only 75 employees, negligible investments, and virtually zero assets—the only thing they have, in fact, is their exorbitant profit margins from their importations," he said.

Local cement manufacturers and other sectors dependent on the industry have been vehemently protesting the scrapping of the P20.60 per bag tariff on imported cement because this would mean the closure of cement plants and the layoff of thousands of workers.

The Tariff Commission scrapped the protective tariff on cement imports imposed by Trade Secretary Mar Roxas last year.

"Unlike cement producers, they (cement importers) do not even have to contend with high power and fuel costs and other structural barriers because they do not manufacture or add value to the economy," he said.

Lagman also said the importers, who had been buying at P58 per bag and selling them at P120, should have long ago reduced their prices if they really wanted to help the consumers.

"Their profits have been exorbitant and this is what they are trying to protect now, not the consumers whom they have always been shortchanging," said Lagman.

The former Albay congressman said the importers' "bluff" was just a ploy to kill the local cement industry.

"If the importers already behave abominably while the local industry still exists, just imagine what they will do when they already dominate the market," said Lagman.

The 1,500-strong Balikatan ng Manggagawa sa Konstruksyon (Balikatan) joined the protest against the removal of the tariff and assailed the Tariff Commission's move as pre judicial to construction industry workers.

Daniel Parocha, national president of Balikatan, said retaining the protective tariff would benefit the construction industry because it would mean stable prices.

"It is not true that construction workers benefit from cement imports, because while imported cement enters the country at dumped prices, it is being sold at the same price as or higher than local cement.

Imports, he said, would render jobs in the construction industry unstable because the supply is speculative.

# *MJ useless as witness vs Erap, says lawyer*

**By Volt Contreras and Juliet L. Javellana**

JIMENEZ

MANILA Rep. Mark Jimenez may not yet be fully "singing" about what he knows about deposed President Joseph Estrada—but wait till he runs out of options to stave off his extradition to the United States.

Two private prosecutors in the plunder case against Estrada said yesterday they might no longer need the testimony of Jimenez, a former friend and crony of the ex-president, to bolster their case.

"We actually have no need (of) Jimenez as a witness because we already have overwhelming evidence that will convict Estrada," said Marie Yuvienco of the Public Interest Law Center at a news forum.

Marichu Lambino, also of PILC, said Jimenez was actually given "four chances" to testify against Estrada through sworn affidavits, but his testimonies were "useless."

"He refused to implicate Estrada in any crime. He remains loyal to him," said Lambino at the weekly Cypress forum in Quezon City.

But Lambino said she would not be surprised if Jimenez "makes a final bid" to testify against Estrada, after he shall have exhausted all legal means to avoid extradition.

In an INQUIRER interview on Thursday, Desierto said Jimenez might be able to "delay" extradition by turning state witness against Estrada, because the country's judicial processes take precedence over its international commitments.

But to qualify, Desierto said, Jimenez must give an "exhaustive narrative of what took place in the Estrada administration."

So far, Jimenez has given only "limited" statements, like his having "contributed P10 million" to the infamous Jose Velarde bank account allegedly owned by Estrada, Desierto said.

Another lawmaker had some advice for his friend and fellow congressman.

Bulacan Rep. Willie B. Villarama said Jimenez should face the music in the United States.

"He should face the music. I always tell him it's best to settle this in the US," said Villarama, who served as president of The Manila Times when Jimenez bought the paper.

Villarama doubted Congress could block Jimenez's extradition if it is ordered by the courts. "I am not a lawyer but I don't know how Congress could block his extradition. I think it's a little impossible," he said.

"I hope he finds a solution and I think he can solve it in the US," Villarama said, adding that the US justice system was "different" from ours.

He said many Filipinos in the US who had faced more serious charges were able to get acquittals.

He said Jimenez was a victim of a political vendetta in the US, where he had supported the Democratic Party of former President Bill Clinton.

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Dr. Robert Hack, professor of engineering geology at the International Institute of Aerospace Survey and Earth Science of the Netherlands (ITC), will conduct the lecture at the MIT Center (the former RCBC Plaza) on Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

## Zepeda, 74

JOSE M. Zepeda of Tabaco City and Quezon City died yesterday. He was 74.

He is survived by his wife, Socorro C. Zepeda, children and in-laws Cora and Jun Bocalbos; Pipin and Nonoy Hernandez; Rose and Boy Zepeda; Mercy and Femio Balana; Bem and Ed Ferrer, Tess and Boy Come, and Joel Zepeda.

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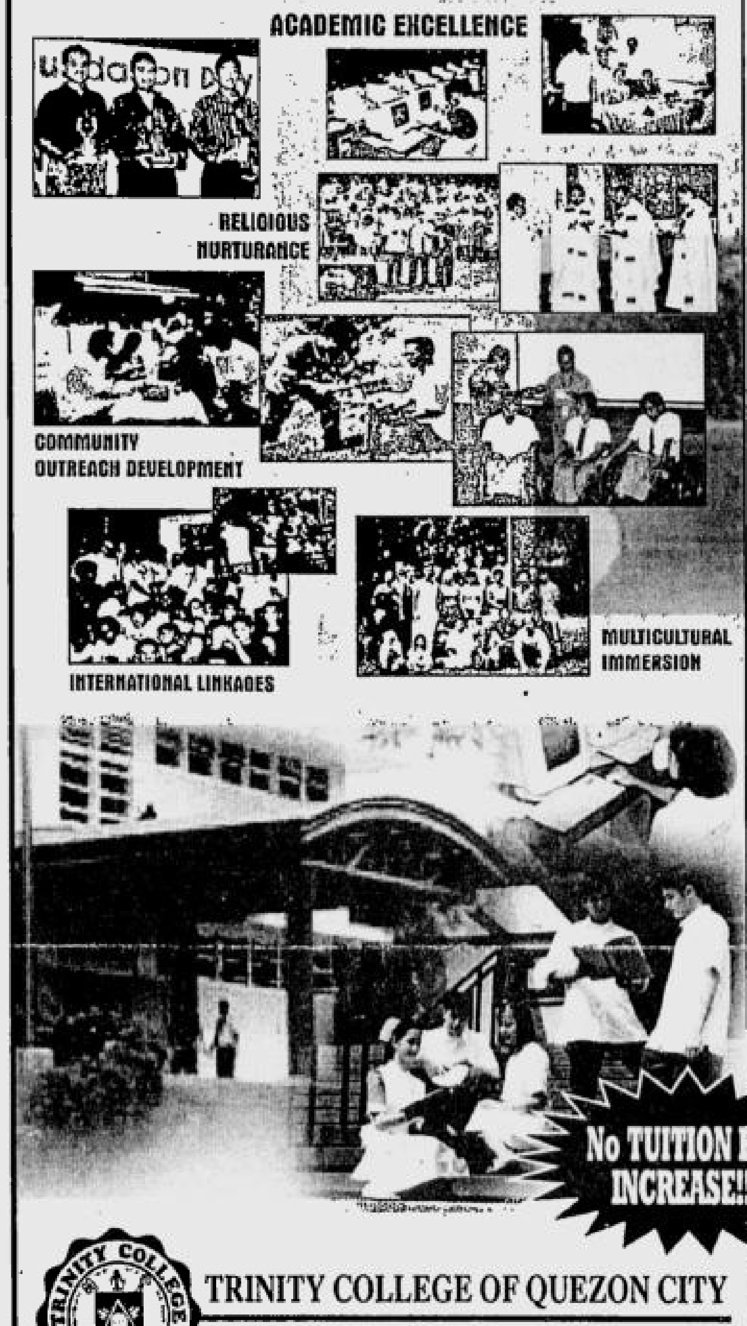

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# Mendoza says he's bullish on PNP future

DIRECTOR General Leandro Mendoza, who ends the first week of his term extension as chief of the Philippine National Police today, has expressed confidence that the country's police force would be better prepared to deal with 21st-century crimes when he bows out in six months.

Mendoza was scheduled to retire from the police service on his 56th birthday last Sunday, but President Macapagal-Arroyo extended his term to September, saying he needed the time to complete the reforms he has instituted and to effect a smooth transition of police command.

Mendoza said much of the primary goals he set out to do as leader of the 113,000-strong police force have been accomplished.

Ms Macapagal-Arroyo did not show up for his birthday celebration on Sunday, as she did on the birthday of Chief Supt. Reynaldo Berroya, but police officials downplayed this, saying she probably had more important things to do.

Former Executive Secretary Renato de Villa, ex-Philippine Constabulary chief Ramon Montano and former armed forces chief Lisandro Abadia were among the prominent personalities seen at the Camp Crame party.

Two weeks ago, the President announced that she would extend Mendoza's term for six months instead of nine months. At the PNP's 11th anniversary last month, she said she would extend Mendoza's term by nine months.

Mendoza remained upbeat on his birthday, vowing to implement a major revamp in the police organization within the remaining months of his term.

He said the reshuffle, which was intended to fill up positions of at least 10 retiring generals during the first two quarters of the year, would take effect before the barangay elections on July 15.

Mendoza said the ongoing evaluation of the performance of support unit directors as well as provincial and regional directors would be used as basis for the revamp.

"It's a matter of putting the right people in the right places," he told reporters.

Mendoza, who led the inauguration of the newly renovated orthopedic and officers' wards, and the operating room of the PNP General Hospital inside the camp, also coined a new meaning for the PNP acronym—"Panahon ng Pagbabago."

On top of his pet programs, Mendoza said, was his pledge when appointed by the President last year that he would work hard to institutionalize police welfare, particularly the adjustment of policemen's salaries to decent levels.

"By July this year, the latest phase of salary adjustments shall have brought the pay scales of members of the police force at par with other government agencies and those in the private sector," the top cop said.

Delayed pension adjustments and other benefits for retirees and pensioners have also been paid under Mendoza's stewardship, a record feat since most of the retirees have been waiting for three years to be paid their pension benefits.

"Giving decent pay to cops is one legacy I can leave them," Mendoza said.

A second program which Mendoza thinks will leave indelible marks in the police service was his efforts to prepare them in dealing with sophisticated criminals in the new century including international terrorists, cyber-criminals, money launderers and drug traffickers. ***With a report from TJ Burgonio***

# Magna carta for seniors pushed

**By Cynthia D. Balana**

SENATE President Franklin Drilon has pushed for a magna carta for senior citizens that seeks to protect their rights and extend certain privileges.

About four million senior citizens aged 60 and above are expected to benefit from the proposed law that seeks to give them access to employment, education, health and other social services.

According to Drilon, most senior citizens have inadequate basic social services and face discrimination in employment, education and health services.

"While bold initiatives had been taken, such as the grant of 20 percent discount on the purchase of medicines by older persons, we still have to plan ahead and come up with an integrated and a more comprehensive long-term national approach," he said.

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# ‘Less anger, greed,’ prays GMA

By Carlito Pablo

“LESS anger and greed in our hearts, less corruption and lawless and mindless divisiveness,” President Macapagal-Arroyo prays for the country as the entire Christian world observes the Holy Week starting today, Palm Sunday.

Ms Macapagal will start her observance of Palm Sunday by attending an early dawn eucharistic celebration of the vote-rich El Shaddai sect.

The President is scheduled to arrive at the celebration to be held at the Amvel Business Park along Sucat Road, Paranaque at about 2:30 a.m.

President Macapagal will later speak at the commencement exercises of the Philippine Military Academy in Baguio City, which will start at 9:45 a.m.

In her Lenten message, President Macapagal called on the Filipino people to “ever turn to prayer in our collective efforts to strengthen the foundation of our nationhood.

EDWIN BACASMAS/FILE PHOTO

**BEING with the poor, President Macapagal joined them at table last January at Lupang Pangako, Payatas, Quezon City.**

“Prayer and spiritual renewal are indispensable in maintaining and preserving the moral fabric of our society,” she said. “We may have all the power and resolve, the material and the physical infrastructure of progress, but in the face of crucial tests and circumstances, we need a guiding light to help us see through life’s challenges.”

Ms Macapagal urged the people to “relearn the teachings and mystery of Christ, and may it (Holy Week) make better Filipinos of us all.”

“May there be less anger and greed in our hearts, less corruption and lawlessness and mindless divisiveness. May we relearn the meaning of true justice, unity, peace and love for all,” President Macapagal said.

### Calvary of problems

The President could have been referring to some of the biggest problems confronting her administration: the chaos that has ensued from the open political wounds caused by the ouster of her predecessor Joseph Estrada; the uphill drive against graft in government; the unresolved communist and Muslim insurgencies, and the damage done to the national image caused by the Abu Sayyaf bandit group.

Ms Macapagal is also being buffeted by strong criticism for allowing an unusually large number of US military forces into Mindanao ostensibly to train Filipino soldiers to rout the Abu Sayyaf.

Also, her every sortie into depressed areas is being interpreted by her critics as a preparation for her reelection in 2004.

President Macapagal reminded the country that the suffering and passion of Christ was “indeed the greatest story ever told—the gospel of the love of God for man, of suffering and eventual redemption that is possible only through Jesus Christ.

“Let us in all humility but with profound awareness ponder deeply on the true meaning of Holy Week, and relate it to the countless thorns of life and the heavy cross that man bears on his shoulders,” the President said.

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### Not just an organization

Fr. Anton C.T. Pascual, deputy director of Caritas Manila, said the institution was “reengineered” to meet the challenges and demands of its vision to become truly a “Church of the Poor,” starting with the basic understanding of what its ministry is all about.

“Caritas Manila is not just an organization. It is the symbol of the Catholic Church’s solidarity with the poor,” he said.

The Caritas of the Archdiocese of Manila has reached out to the poor and marginalized sectors of our society through its Social Services and Development Ministry (SSDM) that operates in the district, vicariate and parish levels. Ongoing programs include educational assistance, medical missions, crisis intervention and emergency relief, micro-financing, care of street children, and prisons ministry, including legal and para-legal services.

### Not just objects

In January last year, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) underscored the active presence and participation of the poor in the Church.

“As we affirm ourselves to become a Church of the Poor, we must strive to be liberated from mentalities, values, behavior and lifestyles that discriminate between rich and poor. We hope to create conditions where the voice of the poor is heard and the poor enjoy the benefits and blessings of God’s creation.”

This runs along the principle that the poor are not only the objects of evangelization, but that they can also be agents of evangelization and social change.

Thus, the Church not only gives a preferential option for the poor in terms of services and priorities, but also manifests a preferential reliance on the poor to carry out its mission. Church organizations and basic ecclesial communities (BECs) educate and train the urban poor to be community organizers themselves. Proof of this are the growing number of cooperatives, small enterprises and centers of formation in Payatas, Smokey Mountain, Pasig and Sampaloc, Manila, among others.

### Loving poverty

However, Manila Auxiliary Bishop Socrates Villegas pointed out that loving the poor also meant loving poverty. “You will not be able to love the poor without loving poverty. Loving the poor without loving poverty is like loving from a distance, making sure that your fingers don’t get burned and your clothes don’t get soiled. The real expression of love is simply to be with the one you love. That is why when God became man, the name he chose was Emmanuel—God is with us,” he said.

Villegas acknowledged the important role of the clergy, especially his fellow bishops, in solidifying this perspective.

“For the poor, the bishop must be poor among them. He may not be able to provide for all their needs but by simply being poor with them, by living a simple life with them, he will be able to give meaning and purpose to their material poverty and uplift it to the blessedness of the poor,” he said.

### How Caritas helps

Caritas statistics revealed 247 individuals out of jobs; 1,176 have undergone skills training in 37 parishes; 427 participated in seminars on solid-waste management; 36,113 patients were treated in medical/dental missions; 273 families given crisis intervention and emergency relief and para-legal intervention in 80 communities. There was also socialized housing for families in 34 communities and micro-financing in at least four parishes.

In the school year 2001-2002, the Caritas Educational Assistance Program (EAP) supported a total of 926 scholars: 624 (grade school), 195 (high school), 84 (college) and 23 (vocational).

In 2000, the Prison Justice and Development Program (PJDP) collaborated with the Bureau of Corrections, local authorities of Muntinlupa and generous benefactors for the construction of a new three-story city jail, providing prison inmates with a humane environment where they can stretch more, sleep more soundly and live with dignity. Recognizing the crucified Christ who loved most unworthy people, PJDP and its volunteers are among those who can say: “I did not only visit You, Lord. I also took care of You.”

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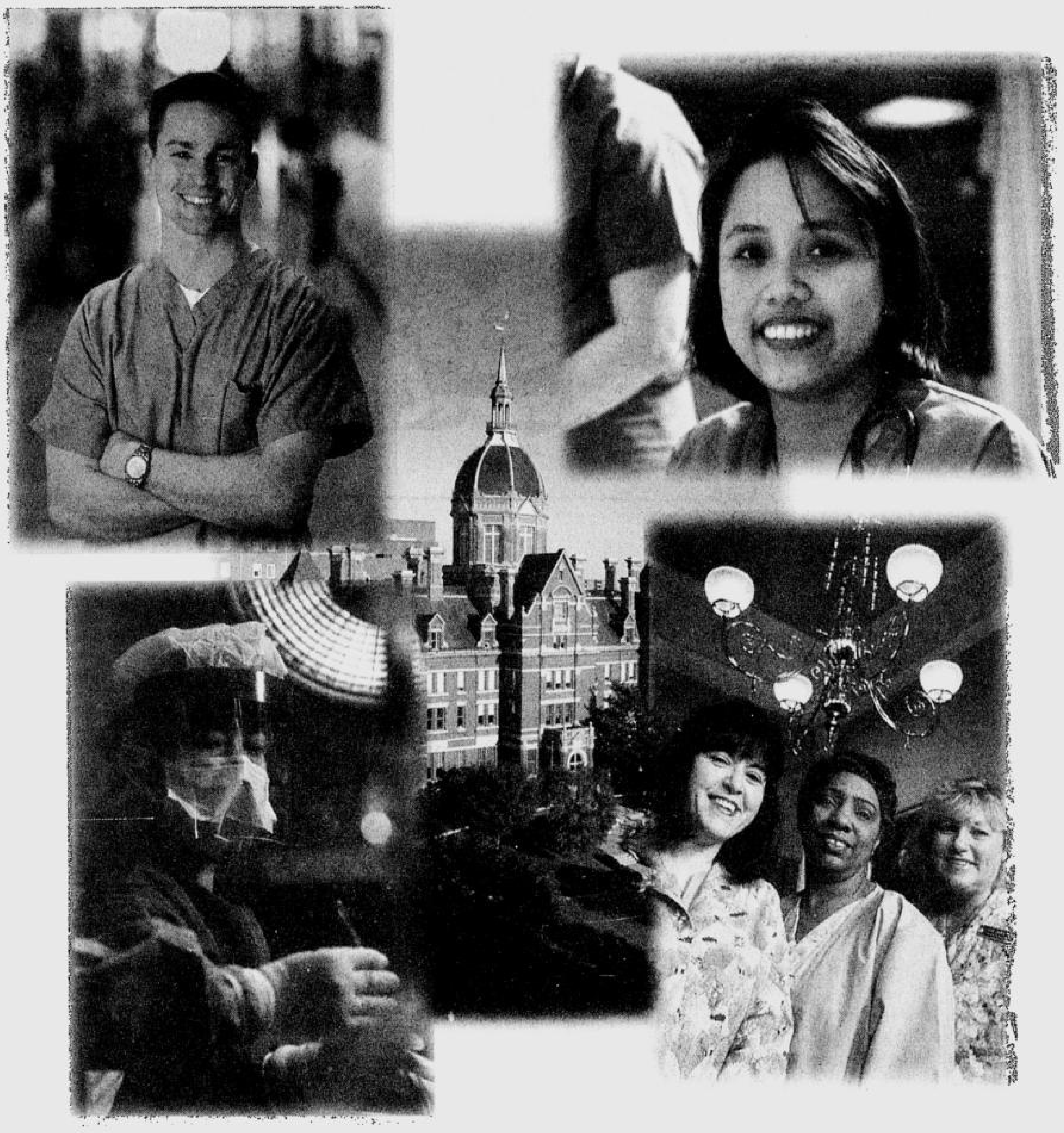

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# Loi's ploy

**EDITORIAL**

THE JOKES and insults that have been thrown Sen. Luisa Ejercito-Estrada's way since Wednesday, after she filed a bill proposing castration for rapists and child molesters, will put anyone in a Holy Week frame of mind. She may begin to feel that, like the Man from Nazareth whose triumphant entry into Jerusalem we mark today and whose fate in the hands of a cruel crowd we remember on Thursday, she is the victim of a grievous misunderstanding. We hope she does not give in to the temptation, however, because the character from the passion narrative that her radical proposal brings most to mind is not Jesus Christ, but Pontius Pilate.

On the surface, Senate Bill 2053 looks like a legislative step forward, applying advanced pharmacological research and medical science to stop what Estrada, herself a doctor of medicine, calls an alarming increase in rape and other sexual offenses. "The technology for castration has evolved considerably, and there is evidence that, in some circumstances, it can dramatically reduce the likelihood (that) the sex offender will strike again," Estrada said. She added that "with surprisingly little fanfare, four states in the US passed recently laws calling for castration—either chemical or surgical—of sex offenders."

But the problem with castration as a penalty, here and elsewhere, whether chemical (the use of powerful drugs to block testosterone production) or surgical (the removal of testicles), is that it reduces rape to a single biological factor. If it were true that an excess of testosterone is all it takes to turn an otherwise law-abiding man into a rapist, then rape is a mere medical disorder—like insanity—rather than a heinous crime. And precisely like insanity in some legal systems, the unusual upsurge in testosterone will eventually be used not to pinpoint criminal liability, but to evade it.

But rapists are not born, they are made. Cultural factors—such as the iconic role of violence in an entertainment-consumption society, or the tradition of domination that some males feel entitled to and reflexively impose on females in both subtle and blatant ways—inevitably play an important part in their making. This multiplicity of factors is nothing new; the literature on rape is full of it.

Why the insistence on a single factor then? Often, politicians have had to resort to simple themes, or the use of catchy slogans, to sell a legislative agenda or a political platform. Estrada is familiar with this political imperative, because "Jeep ni Erap," one of the most successful catch-all slogans in our history, was of course used by her own husband, Joseph Estrada to ride to the presidency. The famous nickname "Erap" is itself a political statement.

Did the senator then reduce the problem of rape to the question of castration out of a need to simplify the issue? We think not. Indeed, we think the castration bill was filed—apropos of nothing—precisely to wash the Estradas' hands, Pontius Pilate-like, of another issue.

Consider this. Under the present law, the crime of rape is punishable by death. Does it make sense then for the government to spend scarce resources either chemically or surgically castrating a convicted rapist it will eventually execute?

No—unless of course the death penalty is repealed. And there's the rub. Fourteen senators have filed a bill seeking the lifting of the extreme penalty; it is a measure we support. But because the disgraced former president will benefit if the bill becomes law, he and his supporters face an image issue: How can Joseph Estrada, who created a movie persona and a political personality based on crime-busting myths, continue to say that he is tough on crime, when he now favors the scrapping of the death penalty, the holiest icon of the tough-on-crime set?

Simple. Propose castration.

# Intolerance

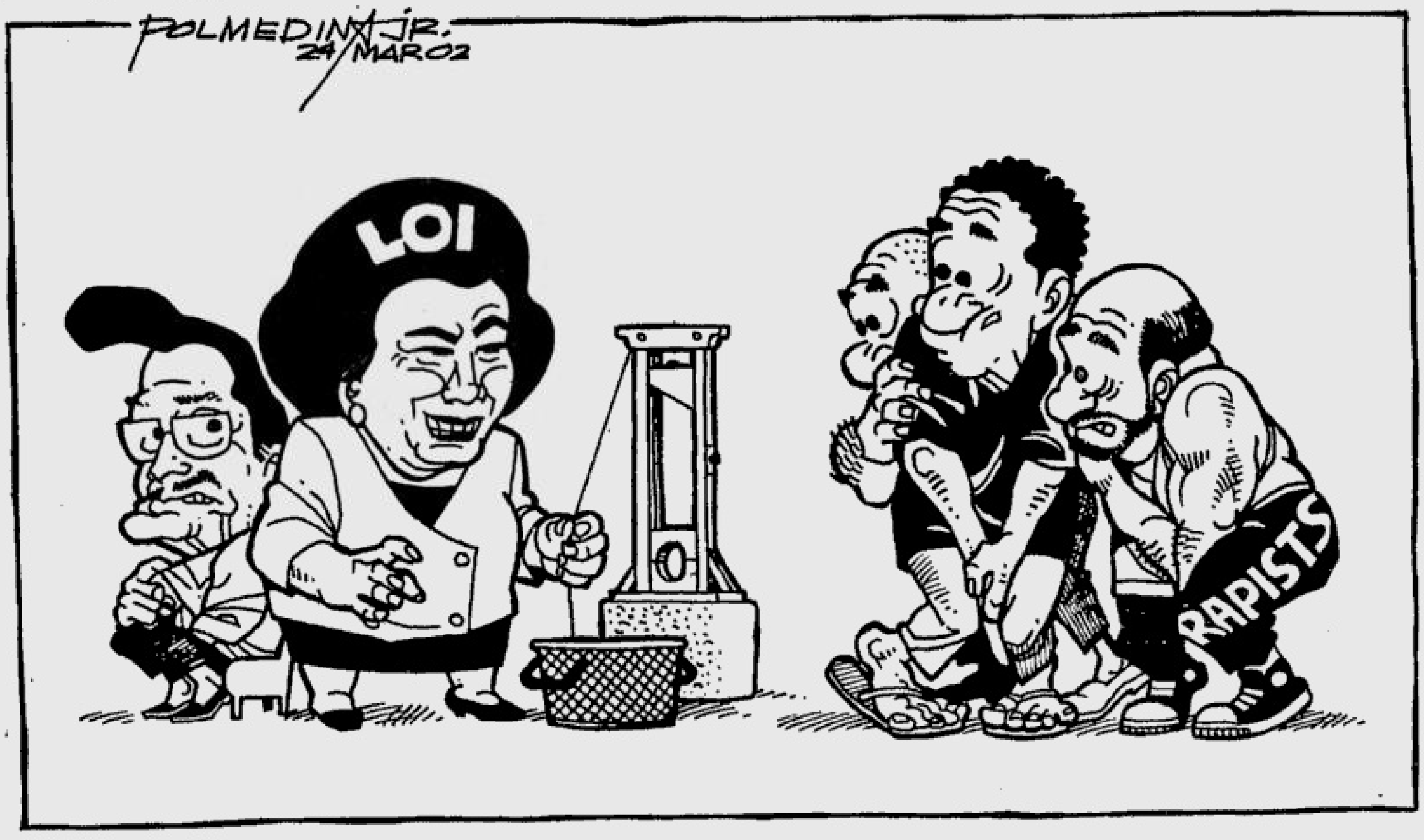
**FOREIGN COMMENT**

THE CHINESE government has issued a report on human rights in the United States and, to no one's surprise, has found America sadly wanting.

The report found us (the United States) violent, racist, arrogant, indifferent to suffering and hypocritical. Police brutality and torture are common. The Chinese said that pedophile priests were "the greatest scandal in the United States following the Enron case."

The point lost on the Chinese was that in the United States people can—and regularly do—accuse the government of being violent, racist, arrogant, indifferent to suffering, meddlesome, hypocritical, etc.

The difference is that here they don't get sent to a forced labor camp for it. ***Evansville Courier & Press (Evansville, Indiana)***



# Junket to Shanghai

**SEPARATE OPINION**

*Isagani A. Cruz*

ON TOP of the many problems besetting our country, not the least of which are the temper tantrums of Joseph Estrada and the song-and-dance exhibitions of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, comes the upsetting news that a delegation of city mayors left two weeks ago for Shanghai on a supposedly official mission.

The delegation was led by MMDA Chair Benjamin Abalos to instill in the mayors "his vision of the metropolis," whatever that could be. The mayors who reportedly welcomed his move to be "instilled" were Lito Atienza of Manila, Feliciano Belmonte of Quezon City, Jaime Fresnedi of Muntinlupa, Rey Malonzo of Caloocan, Lourdes Fernando of Marikina, Joey Marquez of Parañaque, Wenceslao Trinidad of Pasay, Jose Emmanuel Carlos of Valenzuela, Rosendo Capco of Pateros, Sinfrido Tinga of Taguig, Soledad Eusebio of Pasig, and Pedro Cuerpo of Rodriguez.

The report added that the local executives would be accompanied by their respective spouses although it is not clear if the husbands of the female mayors also tagged along. Alma Moreno, Marquez's estranged wife, probably did not join the group. Also in the mission were Mike Arroyo, the President's husband, Rep. Cynthia Villar of Las Piñas and Pagcor chair Ephraim Genuino. Genuino's participation was probably to determine if he could legally donate some of the Pagcor earnings to the delegation.

Who picked up the tab for this supposed mission? Perhaps the Commission on Audit (COA) should investigate this matter, which looks to me like a private picnic with the taxpayers footing the bill. Significantly, the mayors were expected to be accompanied by their spouses who might be experts in cooking Shanghai fried rice but not municipal government, much less Abalos' magnificent "vision" of the metropolis. As official members of the delegation, however, they were entitled to all its perks, including the sightseeing and the *lauriats*.

Metro Manila is entangled in traffic and uglified with garbage and graffiti, let alone the criminality and the drug addiction. Abalos probably believes that all these problems could be solved by a visit by our mayors and their spouses to Shanghai as his model city. A glimpse of the Yang Tze River (it would have to be only a glimpse because of the many other tourist attractions to tick off) would help them rehabilitate our Pasig River. He also suggested that the tour of Shanghai would encourage cooperation among the metropolitan mayors and improve the making of *balut* in Pateros.

If what Abalos wants is to study the ways Shanghai became an industrialized city and regained its former glory before it was dethroned by Hong Kong, he should have assigned the task to the experts not the mayors and their wives. Mayors are adept in getting votes, not in cleaning rivers, and their wives probably don't even know that *lumpiang* Shanghai is unknown in Shanghai. A study of the improvement of the Yang Tze River should take more than three days, and certainly not by a motley group of non-experts probably more interested in making a side trip to Beijing to see the Great Wall of China.

If Abalos sincerely wants to learn valuable lessons from his model city, he could wangle a grant from one of the many generous foreign agencies to fund an in-depth study by experts of what makes Shanghai tick compared to the stinking Manila of his dreams. I suggest the Asia Foundation or maybe he could get this endowment from China itself. This practical alternative would cost much less than the expense of enabling the mayors' wives to inspect the colorful cheongsams on sale at tourist prices and try to look like Rosebud.

The public has long been protesting the annual congressional junkets at its expense but has apparently resigned itself to this institutionalized graft as an incorrigible fact of our political life. Now, as if to rub salt on the wound, the mayors have started doing their own thing and may even surpass the legislators later. The municipal junkets could become a yearly delectation too. After all, there are so many cities all over the world that can also be a model for Abalos' vision of a beautiful Metro Manila with a Pasig River bluer than the Blue Danube.

If the mayors' objective is to clean the Pasig River, they cannot do it by just watching that one Chinese river. There are so many other rivers abroad that they should also inspect to enlighten them on riparian cleanliness, particularly if they are accompanied by their beloved spouses. Next year they can look at the Thames in London, the following year Sweet Afton in Scotland, then the Nile in Egypt, and so on until they run out of rivers. They can then change the subject of their visitations, like the slums in Kuala Lumpur, the red light district in Amsterdam, and the casinos in Las Vegas.

If the expenses of the Abalos expedition were paid with public funds, I will say that this abuse by the mayors who joined it deserves the strongest condemnation. If they can show that they spent their own or private money for that costly tour, I will contritely say mea culpa and offer them my sincere apologies. Let the COA be the judge of this suspicious excursion that looks very much like another raid of the public treasury.

# H-O-L-Y W-E-E-K

**MOMENTS**

*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

HOW do you make holy water? Get ordinary water and just boil the hell out of it!

It is Holy Week once again. It is just an ordinary week but we can make it holy if we "boil the hell out of it." Below is the acronym H-O-L-Y W-E-E-K to help us make this week not just an ordinary week but a truly meaningful and a holy week.

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**H-alt! Stop for a while, or at least slow down. Take time to rest and relax. You are not a machine. Your body needs rest, so find time to be still. Go away, disappear. Rest a while. Yes, have a vacation, (but don't end up more tired because of your Holy Week "vacation").**

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O-ff with our worldly pursuits and concerns. Turn off your cellular phone if you have to, so that you can focus on your spiritual life this week. Forget quotas, forget deadlines and forget performance. Just be. Don't let the world and its cares disturb the tranquility of your mind and soul this week. Let the world go by, and let the Lord take care of everything for once. Don't plan out your activities this week so much that you end up more stressed and pressured in the end. Surprise yourself. Rediscover your inner strengths and simple joys. OFF to the world. ON to your heart. ON to your God.

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**L-isten. If you are in the Off or Silent mode, then you can really listen, pray and meditate. Take time to listen to God and tell him what's happening with your life. Allow the Father to wrap His loving arms around your shoulders once again and just listen.**

**Listen also to your own inner self, not just to your day-to-day wants and needs. Is there something you are missing in your life? Is there something more you need to do in your life?**

**And listen to other people around you. When was the last time you really stopped and listened to the people you love? This is a great time for that heart-to-heart talk, one on one.**

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Y-ield to God. Let go of your grip on your own life. Be on the lookout for His road signs as you travel on. Listen to His instructions, and you will find your way. Better still, let Him do the navigating and the driving. Let God do the driving! Let Him lead you on from now on. Let Him take over, okay? (Okay. Good. Now, will you please give Him the keys and let go of the hand brake? *Ikaw ha?*)

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**W-arm up your relationships. Time to allow your loved ones to feel that warm-and-sunny-spring you, not the cold-and-cloudy-winter you. Reach out to the people you have taken for granted or left out altogether. Time to call a friend and use your lifeline, or ask your audience—for an apology, for help, for suggestions. Call, text, write, smile and hug. Use anything that will help you repair, restore and revitalize your relationships.**

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E-rase the burdens of guilt and sin with a good, honest and humble confession. Heed God's call: "Come back to Me, with all your heart. Don't let sin keep us apart. Long have I waited for your coming home to me."

In response to God's love, may we all say to God, especially this week: "Create a clean heart in me, O God. Give back to me the joy of your salvation."

Time also to erase hurts, resentments, anger and ill feelings. Forgive people who hurt you, and ask for forgiveness from people you have hurt, cheated, used or abused in any way.

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**E-xpress your love. Whatever you do, especially this week, like praying, fasting, works of penance and deeds of charity, let them all be expressions of your love and gratitude to God. Let them be done not out of fear, or out of obligation. Neither should they be just means to manipulate or placate God.**

**Take time to express your love to your loved ones too! Just say it. Just do it.**

**Give till it hurts to the many needy people around you. So many people await your sharing of your blessings.**

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K-neel down. In humility, kneel down in prayer before God and thank Him for suffering so much, for dying on the cross and for rising again for our salvation. Somebody died for you and me. Let us not allow this week to pass without personally thanking Him.

Let this be a time for all of us to "kneel down" before one another in humility: parents before their children whom they have neglected; children before their parents whom they have hurt; politicians and government officials before the people whom they have cheated etc., etc.

Yes, let us all bend our knees to our God, to our mother country and mother earth, and to one another in humility and in deep gratitude.

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**The Meralco Palm Sunday Recollection will be aired over NBN Channel 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. today, with a replay on Channel 9 at 12 noon on Holy Monday.**

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Here's wishing you all a truly holy and meaningful Holy Week. Jesus suffered so much and died for you and me. Let us not allow this most important week to pass like just another ordinary week. It is the week of all weeks. Don't be the weakest link this Holy Week!

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***A moment with the Lord:***
***Lord, help me make Holy Week really holy. Amen.***

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# The Chief Justice vs Jose Velarde (a.k.a. Who?)

**COMMENTARY**

*Juan L. Mercado*

OR is it Supreme Court Justice Hilario Davide versus Joseph Ejercito Estrada "also known as" Jose Velarde? Frequent name swapping can confuse.

In any case, Estrada wants the "Chief," along with Justices Artemio Panganiban and Antonio Carpio, to quit. He also insists that the special division, trying his cases, be scrubbed. That will restore his faith in the judiciary, he says.

Really? Can belief in democratic institutions be turned on and off, like a water tap? That guarantees chaos.

"When the last law was down," Sir Thomas More asks Roper who, like Erap, would wreck such institutions, "d'you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then?"

Fear of unleashed furies lead even Estrada partisans, like Sen. Edgardo Angara, to backpedal from reckless tar-and-feathering of the courts. Are Estrada's handsomely paid lawyers equally sensitive?

They're "officers of the court." Yet, do they suffer, as George Bernard Shaw aptly snapped, from "no more conscience than a fox in a poultry farm"?

Ask the glib lawyer Raymond Fortun. He chauffeured Atong Ang's maid, Delia Rajas, in an attempt to derail the impeachment trial, according to Senators Raul Roco and Rodolfo Biazon.

Erap, however, ratcheted up his demands. After asking that the plunder law be scrubbed and after clogging the courts with 129 dilatory motions, he's embarked on smearing the judiciary, without offering proof.

Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino and other rabid Velarde partisans, meanwhile, peddle the option of exile, draped with the fig-leaf of medical treatment. Malacañang also toyed with that idea earlier. But Estrada vetoed that plan.

Just as well. Expulsion from *le patrie* fractures the Constitution. It departs from the honorable mould set by President Manuel Quezon and his wartime cabinet on Jan. 3, 1942. The Dalai Lama's 42-year exile from Tibet and Jose Rizal's *destierro* in Dapitan also come to mind.

"Exile as a contemporary punishment must map territories of experience" beyond those written by a Dante, Conrad or Solzhenitysn, writes the scholar John Said in "Reflections on Exile."

"Two domains of consciousness dominate displacement," he says. "Memory for what is lost, and alienation for what is found... Every intellectual in exile is, without exception, mutilated."

Velarde is more modest. He has no ideological pretensions. He's just trying to beat a plunder rap. That's all.

His exile would clone the sleazy pattern set by Mobutu Seseke, Ferdinand Marcos or Nawaz Sharif. As the Marcoses show, they even keep the loot.

So, Estrada partisans mount a guerrilla war against Davide, whose impartial conduct of the impeachment trial saved a Senate raped by Erap's "Craven Eleven."

In this campaign against the courts, the Velarde camp is not cash-strapped. After all, he "guaranteed" P500 million of his own money, in the second envelope, in just one "loan" to crony William Gatchalian. Some of that cash surfaces in rag-tag demonstrations of the urban poor.

"The rich will do everything for the poor," Karl Marx once sneered, "except get off their backs."

These moves would exempt Estrada from a trial. Making an exception for himself, he places himself above the law—and blames the judiciary. "Injustice is relatively easy to bear," the American writer H.L. Mencken, says. "What stings is justice."

"The challenge of Joseph Estrada is basically to the capacity of government to enforce the law," writes constitutionalist Fr. Joaquin Bernas, S.J. of the Ateneo University.

"Estrada and his lawyers...project every defeat of his motions as an act of injustice...The judicial process is being projected as pure black" to wring concessions, he observes.

"The fabric of government is weak enough," Bernas points out. So, government must not waffle with yet another political compromise. "Another surrender to pressure will only serve to weaken it some more."

Estrada knows that, too. Publisher Teddyboy Locsin may have ghost-written his "Now, power is with the people" inaugural speech. But at the Luneta, on June 30, 1998, Estrada declared: "There will be no excuses and no exceptions...I promise to use all the powers of government to stamp out crime, big and small, Armani or No money."

"No government is so powerless, that it cannot protect its citizens, especially when they are victimized by government agents," he perorated. Like a president?

Impeachment was to determine if, as Prosecutor Joker Arroyo asked, "we have a thief for a president." But a corrupted Senate sealed the second envelope. So, we never got the answer.

Now the plunder and perjury cases reopen, in the courts, and a similar question comes up: Did Estrada create a government of Atong Ang, for Jaime Dichavez and by Dante Tan? Velarde's wholesale smear of the courts again blocks an answer.

*"Ang humihihip sa lusong, sa mukha tumatapon,"* the old Tagalogs used to say. "He who blows into a mortar gets dirt in the face."

Velarde's tactic backfired. Nationwide, there's been a tidal wave of defense for the judiciary, and notably Chief Justice Davide.

When push comes to shove, compare the Chief Justice's credentials with that of Velarde. Two gets you 10, Filipinos prefer those who sign their true names—even if they have no mistresses, Boracay mansions, BW stocks, secret bank accounts, Petrus wine and second envelopes. ***DEPTHnews***

# A happy summer—not!

**AT LARGE**

*Rina Jimenez-David*

THOUGH we're just observing the first day of Holy Week, traditionally the official start of summer in this country, it seems—and certainly feels—like the height of summer already.

Even early in the morning, sunlight streams in with blinding, unforgiving brilliance. The air is laden with humidity and an enervating heat, making it difficult to breathe. Traffic jams trap commuters in hellish metal boxes, while asphalt, melting in the sun, slowly turns sticky and sap-like. In the heat, tempers flare, energy fades and sleep comes unbidden and unexpected.

For escape, we seek shelter in air-conditioned interiors, merciful cocoons of cool and dry air. Or else, we count on electric fans to circulate what little coolness can be drawn from the atmosphere. But for the ultimate escape, there's nothing like a trip out of town, for seaside breezes and beachside frolic, or the chill of mornings in highland resorts, including Baguio, the "City of Pines" where pine trees have become a rarity.

But what news should greet us these days but the ultimate spoilers of our summer of splendor? Trips out of the city promise to be prohibitive, what with the rising prices of gasoline, as well as the hike in airfares, almost a certainty after this brief Holy Week reprieve.

As for air-conditioning, that's a fairly accessible "vacation" from the heat, all right, but not if Meralco's petition for higher rates is approved. One TV news show computed that if a household pays a monthly bill of P85 right now, its new bill after the new rates are approved will come to about P250! The thought of an almost-200-percent power rate increase even now fills me with dread. The choice, it seems to me, has boiled down to: (A) using the air-con so we can sleep at night, while foregoing meals because of the heftier electric bill; or (B) saving on power costs by using a fan at night, but walking zombie-like through the workday for lack of sleep.

Have a happy summer, everyone!

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**ACCORDING to an informal survey, consisting mainly of people I've encountered the past few days, most everyone's plans for Holy Week consist of staying put in the city and vegetating at home.**

**I can only speak for my own nuclear family, but I think our experience reflects that of many others "burned" by the ordeals of past Holy Week outings. First there is the horrendous traffic, which starts to build up even as early as Wednesday and reaches its peak on Thursday, stranding thousands of motorists on highway stretches, turning reasonable four- or six-hour commutes into 12-hour penances. Then, after a few days of rest, the whole harrowing experience is repeated in reverse.**

**Beaches turn into obstacle courses, carpeted with bodies baking in the sun. Even the clearest of sea water turns murky with the accumulated body fluids of hundreds of swimmers and soakers, while public pools turn positively toxic. As for those contemplating a trip to Baguio, be warned that the water level in the city is down to alarming levels, and already many parts of the city are without running water.**

**We are planning one trip outside of the city limits this week, though. We're going on a picnic to Tagaytay, there to check on the lot where we plan to build our retirement home, as well as to enjoy an outdoor lunch. But even now, I'm bracing myself for the traffic along the ridge, which can reach SLEX levels during the holidays, the fresh mountain air overwhelmed by the stench of exhaust.**

**Truly, this is the summer of discontent and bitching. Either Metro Manila, for this resident, has deteriorated to its ultimate undesirability level. Or this resident has grown too old and too grouchy to tolerate living in the city—or traveling out of it—much longer.**

**Have a happy summer, everyone!**

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I DON'T know if someone from TV news had an overactive sense of irony, or sick humor, but just when the newscaster was reading news of yet another "bomb" found in the city, his announcement of a new "*bomba*" was accompanied by footage of a bold actress, the subject of an entertainment story.

Indeed, there's *bomba* and there's *bomba*. Commentators in all the media were beside themselves assigning blame for the "bombs," which, it turns out, didn't have any detonators and so were nothing much more than a bunch of wires and shrapnel pulled together to look like a bomb, but without the explosive potential.

Police sources were all over town pointing out the what-might-have beens. They were placed "expertly" in locations where they could do the most damage. The bombs were apparently constructed by people trained in ordnance. Their number shows that we are still vulnerable to terrorist attacks.

What I want to know is not what could have happened, but why the bombs were there at all. And why these anonymous terrorists seem to have the run of the capital, leaving suspicious-looking packages in pedestrian overpasses and markets almost at will.

And how thoughtful of these bombers to leave copies of their manifestos alongside their bombs, printed in huge, bold type, the better to register for TV cameras!

My suspicion is that someone is trying to frighten us, to justify Lord knows what—an increase in budget, more American troops, a fresh uprising of *masa* cannon fodder? Media, of course, have the duty to report on every new bomb found and "detonated," or at least unwrapped. But can't we have more answers than questions next time?

Have a happy summer, everyone!

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# The promises and risks of metaphors

**PUBLIC LIVES**

*Randy David*

MY brother, Fr. Pablo David, a biblical scholar, has published a fascinating essay on the power of metaphors and the changing images of God in the Bible. He focuses on the shift in imagery that the "weird" prophet Hosea popularized to induce the ancient people of Israel to re-imagine their relationship with Yahweh. From being a political covenant between king and vassal, Hosea proposed this relationship to be that between husband and wife, or between father and child.

This choice of metaphors was risky, and in a way, a bit of an irony, says Father Ambo, because in Hosea's time, husbands were deemed the owners of their wives and children. The men in those times put women and children in the same league as their disposable oxen.

This was not the message that Hosea wanted to project. By borrowing images from the family, this strange prophet meant to emphasize the unconditional and enduring character of God's love in the face of repeated betrayals by those He loves.

One is never certain where metaphors will take you. Hosea makes sure he would not be misunderstood. He practices what he preaches. He marries a prostitute, Gomer, hoping to stabilize her affections. Yet she keeps going back to her lovers. Unable to take this betrayal, he disowns her in the hope of bringing her back to her senses. Gomer only sinks deeper into a life of prostitution and slavery.

God speaks to Hosea and tells him "to rise above his anger and learn to love his erring wife again, the way Yahweh goes on loving Israel, despite her unfaithfulness." God teaches him the nature of unconditional love.

Hosea does what God bids him to do: he redeems his wife's freedom, continues to love her faithfully, but waits until she can love him back. He offers to release her from the marriage. He no longer demands subservience; he only wishes to be loved.

The essay on Hosea's experience of coming to terms with his own metaphor led me to think about the current battle between Erap's "*Ama ng masa*" (Father of the masses) and Gloria's "*Ina ng tahanan*" (Mother of the home). To the extent they resonate the heroism and pain of the Filipino family, these metaphoric re-descriptions of the presidency can be very powerful, but also risky.

The "*Ama ng masa*" imagery has the advantage of riding on the stereotype portrait of a father who uses his strength to protect and advance the interests of his children. In a society torn apart by large gaps in wealth and power, the metaphor is formidable. The image however fosters dependency and preserves a picture of the masses as children needing patronage. It is a backward-looking metaphor suitable to a political culture that thrives on the permanent infantilization of citizens. It has no place in a modernizing society.

Gloria's "*Ina ng tahanan*" capitalizes on the socio-emotional role of the Filipino mother, and promotes the familial values of unity, stability and "*damayan*" or mutual help. It is a good counter-image to the reality of a society split into the propertied few and the propertyless many. Its drawback however is that it is passive. In the face of adversity, Gloria's "*Ina ng tahanan*" character is reduced to issuing sentimental admonitions for support. She doesn't explain why the country has so many problems and what kind of help she needs. She only says she's been working very hard, and that she can't do it alone. The unstated context is that the "*Ama ng tahanan*" (Erap) has been an irresponsible parent, and has shattered the family, and that it is time to pick up the pieces.

Effective metaphors are unfamiliar ways of using familiar words. They become powerful tools of social change when, through habitual use, people begin to understand them literally, thus producing a re-weaving of their beliefs and an adjustment in their behavior.

But there is nothing new in the use of family images to refer to the Filipino nation, and of the parental role to refer to the presidency. These are aspects of the obsolete vocabulary of feudal cultures that legitimize the domination and control of the weak by the powerful by representing these broadly as elements of parental authority.

Early in her administration, I wrote that the reference to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as "Ate Glo" to an orphaned Filipino nation might help define her role in our family-oriented society. As the eldest daughter in the family, "Ate Glo" finds the responsibility of leading the family thrust upon her accidentally. She forsakes her own personal agenda and devotes herself wholly to the long-term interests of the family. She does not claim for herself the authority of a parent. Her goal is to provide the means by which her siblings can become self-reliant persons.

I have heard that she does not particularly like the role of "Ate Glo" as an analogue for her presidency. I thought the image suited her. Though not particularly warm as a person, she is task-oriented and very focused. She must consult, knowing she cannot dictate. By working hard to deliver results, she shows in concrete ways how much she loves her brothers and sisters.

I believe "Ate Glo" is a metaphor that is compatible with our aspiration to become a modern democracy. It retains the strong emotional bond that is prized by members of the Filipino family, yet it opens the horizon of our understanding of nationhood and governance to the ideal of a community of self-reliant citizens.

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# Hearing in aid of senatorial junkets

**COMMENTARY**

*Raul J. Palabrica*

WHILE ordinary mortals like us are suffering the country's summer heat, seven members of Congress and an undetermined number of their support staff, including some officials of the Commission on Elections, are traveling in cool comfort to different parts of the world for a supposedly official mission.

Barring any change of plans, Sen. Edgardo Angara, chair of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments, together with Senators Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Panfilo Lacson and Vicente Sotto, and Representatives Butz Aquino and Bellaflor Angara-Castillo (Angara's sister) will be in Rome today.

What perfect timing! These lucky lawmakers will get the opportunity, courtesy of the taxpayers' money, to spend the Holy Week in the Holy See in the guise of consulting the Filipinos in Italy on the absentee voting bill.

Earlier, the same corps of travel-itchy legislators (with one or two additional senators) went to Hong Kong, Japan, Dubai and Riyadh for the same purpose. From the Eternal City, they will proceed to New York and Los Angeles in the United States.

By the time they hit the US mainland, it will be spring. With the good weather and Congress in recess, they will have all the time in the world to relax at their favorite scenic spots and shop to their heart's content at the shopping malls of Bloomingdale and Beverly Hills.

### Unnecessary

No doubt, the legislative proposal that will allow the millions of Filipinos living or working in different parts of the world to vote in the national elections is long overdue.

With the $2 billion or so that the expatriate Filipinos remit annually to their families here and which keeps the economy going, it is only fair that they be given the opportunity to choose the men and women who will govern the country.

But is it really necessary to send a platoon of senators, congressmen and Comelec officials, plus their aides, abroad to know the thoughts of the Filipinos overseas on that bill?

The same task can be efficiently handled without additional expenses by the consular officials in the places where those Filipinos are staying. In the first place, they are already posted there and do not have to do anything extraordinary to get the sentiments of the expat Filipinos on the bill.

Besides, part of the job of these officials is to touch base with the leaders of the Filipino organizations in their respective areas of assignment on a regular basis. And this experience came in handy during the hearings conducted earlier.

According to foreign affairs sources, the names of the leaders of the organizations whom Angara and company talked to in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Dubai were supplied by the consulate officials assigned to those places. The latter were also responsible for arranging the time and venue of those meetings.

All the senators and congressman did upon their arrival was to make a grand entrance into the conference room, give a summary of the salient points of the bill and seek the comments of the leaders of the organizations.

### Position papers

After the talks, and following their practice in Congress, the globetrotting legislators asked the resource speakers to submit their position paper on the proposed absentee-voting law.

The same position papers could have been prepared at the request of the consular officials without the lawmakers having to spend precious tax money to personally ask them.

The enthusiasm showed by Angara and company to conduct the hearings in aid of legislation (or should it be junkets?) is in marked contrast to their interest in attending hearings held within the Senate premises.

Angara and his fellow committee members are not exactly role models when it comes to attending the hearings of their assigned committees. Unless the subject of the hearing is something in which they have a personal interest or it can give them media exposure, they are usually absent or late in attending the committee hearings.

Often, it is their chief of staff or lower-ranking aides who attend on their behalf to give a semblance of involvement or interest in the discussion of the bills under consideration during the hearings.

But when the venue of the hearings is in any of the posh cities of the world, they can find the time and energy to drop everything they're doing so they can join the entourage. The lure of foreign travel is simply irresistible.

### Expensive trips

The conduct of the chair and committee members is understandable. Who can resist the temptation to fly first class, stay and dine at five-star hotels and move around in luxurious comfort, courtesy of the taxes paid by 75 million Filipinos?

And since they are already in the shopping capitals of the world, why not take the opportunity to visit the shops of renowned fashion designers to see if there are new signature clothes available? After all, senators and congressmen have to look their best without having to go through the ignominy of being seen shopping at Rustan's or the local distribution stores of those designers.

If you think the expenses are limited to the senators and congressmen who joined the travel spree, you're wrong. How dare you assume that they will be able to perform their official mission without the assistance of their aides or select staff members of the Angara committee?

The support staff may not enjoy the amenities to which their bosses are entitled, but they still have to be flown to the consultation sites (at least on business class) and housed in the same or nearby hotels so they can promptly attend to the needs of their superiors.

Not to be forgotten are the expenses of the Comelec officials whom the senators and congressmen have invited to join them in their travels. Whether the officials get their funds from their own budget or from the Senate committee does not make any difference. They have the same source anyway: the taxpayers.

After talking to the expatriate Filipinos, it is only proper that Angara and company treat them to cocktails or dinner or both, to show their appreciation for taking time to talk to them. The expense incurred in that demonstration of hospitality will be charged, you guessed it right, to the budget of the Senate committee—in other words, to the taxpayers.

We can only speculate on the final tab of the hearings conducted by the Senate committee on the absentee voting bill. It can range from a conservative P5 million to a high of P15 million.

At the rate the costs are piling up, the absentee voting bill may turn out to be the most expensive law in legislative history if it ever passes the legislative mill.

The sad thing is that the expenditure of so much money could have been avoided had the senators and congressmen simply ignored their travel itch.

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## TALK of the TOWN

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# Should Pag-Ibig be under a housing dep't?

UNDER PRESSURE to deliver on President Macapagal-Arroyo's promise to provide housing for the poor, former Quezon City Rep. Michael Defensor is pushing for the creation of a Department of Housing. He wants Pag-Ibig Fund, owned by 4.9 million members with P78 billion in equity, attached to the proposed housing department.

Pag-Ibig CEO Manuel Crisostomo opposed placing the Fund under a housing department, prompting the President to fire him. But the Career Executive Service Board has reportedly ruled that the dismissal of Crisostomo is illegal.

A former secretary general of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) says that Pag-Ibig should not be attached to a housing department because it is a private provident fund.

Though the Fund is not yet under a housing department, it is already being subjected to politically driven moves by Defensor, the HUDCC chair, like relaxing credit standards, lowering lending rates and cutting amortization loan rates, according to the former HUDCC official. What more if it's directly under a housing secretary? But Defensor says attaching the Fund to the proposed housing department will ensure that it does not deviate from its mandate of providing funds for housing and of reimbursing its members the contributions they have made in 20 years.

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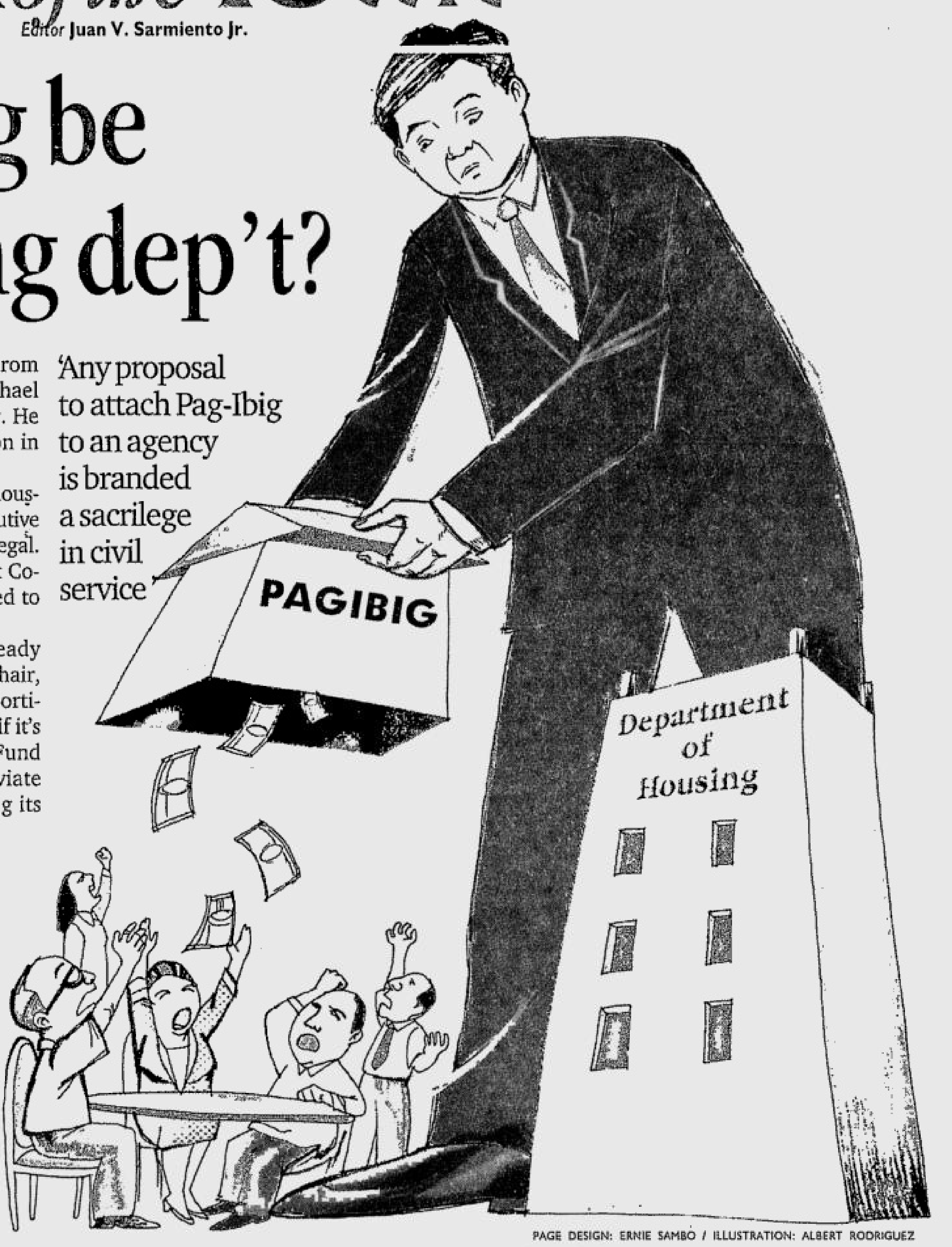

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## 'Pag-Ibig is a private provident fund'

**By T. C. Monsod**
*Former HUDCC secretary general*

FOR opposing the administration's housing "policy" to attach Pag-Ibig, or the Home Development Mutual Fund, to a proposed Department of Housing, Pag-Ibig CEO Manny Crisostomo was unceremoniously relieved of his duties on Feb. 12.

The basis for firing Crisostomo was confusing because the HUDCC, led by its chair Mike Defensor, agreed to the independence of Pag-Ibig during a housing summit a few months back.

The ensuing controversy reveals the myopia of the HUDCC leadership—in its understanding of the sector, its links to the rest of the economy, and the institutions it governs.

Pag-Ibig should not become a regular housing agency for two reasons. First, it is a private provident fund, not a public housing finance institution. Second, the large losses it incurred over the past 20 years on behalf of the national government underscore the conflict of interest between the government's housing program and Pag-Ibig members.

Pag-Ibig is a publicly managed private fund, e.g. "private in character, owned wholly by the members..." which is "administered in trust and applied exclusively for their benefit. (Presidential Decree 1752). Currently, Pag-Ibig has 4.9 million members. Government holds no equity.

### Social security

Despite a strong housing focus, e.g. 70 percent of its investible funds must be in housing-related assets, Pag-Ibig is primarily a provident fund. Pag-Ibig, along with the Social Security System, Government Service Insurance System, the Philippine Health Insurance Commission, some safety net programs of the departments of health and of social welfare, pre-need plans and voluntary pension/savings plans, is part of the social security architecture of the country.

SSS and GSIS are social insurance funds that promise pre-determined or defined benefits in the event of death, retirement, disability, unemployment and the like. Pag-Ibig manages the contributions of members for 20 years—the lump sum a member finally receives depends on his total contributions and the investment performance of the Fund.

Under the HUDCC Law, Pag-Ibig, SSS and GSIS were contemplated as "support agencies" to the HUDCC and not "primary government housing agencies" supervised by the HUDCC. The regular housing agencies are the National Housing Authority, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, National Home Mortgage Finance Corp. and Home Guaranty Corp.

Unfortunately, the supporting role assigned to the three Funds has been the most expedient: to be a cheap source of cash for housing, particularly when the system was in trouble. The resulting costs have been borne by the members of each Fund—and are the basis for the second reason against the attachment of Pag-Ibig.

Over the last 20 years, large costs have been borne by the members of the three Funds on behalf of the national government and in the name of housing finance. In addition HUDCC's under-funding has recently become Pag-Ibig's burden. This conflict of interest—between the government's housing program and members' interests—will be embedded further with Pag-Ibig's attachment.

The publicly run centralized housing finance system anchored by the NHMFC has collapsed three times since 1979—in 1985, 1992 and 1996. In each instance, the pension Funds were directed to infuse cash into the system—to no avail. The NHMFC is now irreversibly illiquid with an outstanding principal balance of P38 billion—73 percent owed to SSS, 15 percent to GSIS and 12 percent, or P 4.5 billion, to Pag-Ibig. Its asset portfolio is estimated to fetch only 20-30 centavos to the peso.

Aside from the debt owed to it by NHMFC, the government policy of requiring Pag-Ibig to lend at below-market and non-adjustable rates has effectively made Pag-Ibig a subsidy donor for homeownership on behalf of the government. This also constitutes cross-subsidization from non-borrowers to borrowers, who account for around 10 percent of the members.

### Subsidy

For instance, if market rates are at 17 percent, each 25-year P180,000 loan at 9 percent carries a subsidy (read: interest losses) amounting to P90,000 in present value. Moreover, about 15-20 years worth of this subsidy is not required since the affordability problem it is designed to address is only a problem for the first 5-10 years. In other words, even if non-borrowers agreed to shoulder these subsidies, the subsidy is in excess by at least one-third.

The same principle will apply—that subsidies will be implicit—at any time Pag-Ibig rates are reduced to match lower bank rates but are not allowed to adjust upwards when bank rates do. Bank rates are fixed for 1-5 years and will adjust upwards when necessary, while Pag-Ibig's rates, once set, remain fixed for 25 years.

The poor investment performance of housing has contributed to the financial deterioration of the three Funds: as of 1999, SSS was estimated to last only to 2015 and GSIS to 2041. While Pag-Ibig is in better shape financially, market returns on member savings will not be permanently achieved until issues like high concentration/risk of housing investments, default leakage and cross-subsidization among members are addressed. Currently, non-performing loans are at 30 percent and a member's dividends after 20 years have decreased from five times his total contribution to only three times.

Moreover, Pag-Ibig is now becoming a source of operating funds for the HUDCC. In the 2001 corporate budget of Pag-Ibig, Defensor attempted to include a P15-million budget item for himself as concurrent chair of the Pag-Ibig Board of Trustees—an ex-officio (policy) post that should not receive an independent budget. Though Defensor gave up this item once the matter became public, he later requested direct supervision over the Public Affairs and Information Office, an office properly under the Pag-Ibig CEO. From a high average of P33 million between 1997 and 1999, the expenses of this office amounted to P52 million in 2001 and are now budgeted at P122 million (proposed) for the year 2002.

Note that even though Pag-Ibig has not been a regular housing agency, it has been subject to costly politically driven housing directives as the HUDCC chair sits as ex-officio chair of Pag-Ibig. Defensor's directives—to relax requirements (and thus credit standards), to lower lending rates for special clients, and to tolerate delinquency, that is, go slow on foreclosures and cut amortization rates—are no exception.

These, together with his insistence to attach Pag-Ibig to the proposed Department of Housing because the "housing sector needs funds" painfully demonstrate the same simplistic understanding of Pag-Ibig and approach to housing that led to the repeated collapse of the housing finance system and the current strain on the pension fund system. Understandably, Pag-Ibig members fear that their Fund will be misused.

### Future role

Pag-Ibig's future role and how it should be positioned in the bureaucracy cannot be decided "on-the-fly" but must be treated rigorously for its long-term impact on the social security and housing finance architecture of the country.

Indeed, a feasibility study to categorically determine whether it should evolve into a full central provident fund, a voluntary provident fund, or even a type of mortgage banking institution is long overdue.

In the interim, however, the provident character of Pag-Ibig should mitigate against a simple "attachment" to a housing department. Rather, an institutional arrangement should be designed to best serve all members of Pag-Ibig—ensure that they get the best value for their savings—and not an arrangement that will be most convenient to the government's social housing program.

Specifically, such an arrangement should have three features: 1.) As a publicly managed (though not owned) financial institution, fiscal oversight by the Department of Finance. 2.) As a provident fund, prudential supervision by the Insurance Commission. 3.) As a possible delivery channel for housing subsidies, when such subsidies are properly funded by the government budget, program coordination with housing authorities.

These features do not merit an "attachment" to a housing department and can be detailed in a separate provision about Pag-Ibig in the proposed law. However, if "attachment" is inevitable, then a fourth feature should be required to minimize conflicts of interest—specifically, the housing secretary should not serve concurrently as ex-officio chair of the Board. Rather, the chair of Pag-Ibig should be a separate professional as demonstrated in the recently instituted DOF-SSS-GSIS model.

A final caveat: public debate has been focused on Pag-Ibig and a Department of Housing. However, the formation of a department is not even a necessary condition for enabling housing markets to finally work. Rather, actions such as redesigning subsidy mechanisms, overhauling NHA, winding down NHMFC in favor of a privately managed secondary mortgage institution, and enacting the proposed Securitization Law are critical.

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## 'Attachment ensures that sentinels watch over the fund'

**By Secretary Michael T. Defensor**
*Chair, HUDCC and HDMF Board of Trustees*

TRUTH, it has been said, is often surrounded by a bodyguard of lies, and I have not seen such a thick cordon as the one that envelops the debate on the creation of a Department of Housing.

Instead of an informative debate on the need to create a department for the shelter sector, particularly the urban poor, the exchange has degenerated into a jargon and propaganda war.

First, let me clarify, lest our people are misled by inaccurate facts, that Pag-Ibig has always been an attached agency since its inception, beginning with the Ministry of Human Settlements (MHS). Thus there is no change in its status once the housing department is created.

While the first Edsa revolution allowed Pag-Ibig to break away from its MHS moorings, it did not drift away as a fully autonomous unit because it was immediately placed directly under the Office of the President. When the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) debuted in 1987, Pag-Ibig was placed under its umbrella.

### Amnesia

Those who argue that Pag-Ibig was only a support agency to housing in 1987, and thus should also be now, are either guilty of selective amnesia or historical revisionism. They conveniently forget that during that period, the HUDCC chair remained as the concurrent chair of the Fund.

Also, a reading of the pertinent laws issued that time would show that the word "support" clearly referred to the funds that would be tapped in support of government housing initiatives, including allowable investible funds from GSIS and SSS.

Sadly, what is happening now is that any proposal to attach Pag-Ibig to an agency is branded a sacrilege in civil service. But the fact is, there is no government office, agency, or government corporation on record that is not attached to a higher or supervising authority.

My argument for saying that Pag-Ibig should remain a member of the HUDCC family or the proposed Department of Housing stems from my stint as chair of both HUDCC and Pag-Ibig.

This, coupled with a reading of the housing sector's history and an appreciation of its current situation, is what prods me to oppose any move to dismember the shelter sector.

Pag-Ibig plays an important role, if not indispensable role in housing. Created as a savings mobilization fund, its main investment mandate is housing. As a mutual fund, members' savings earn interest higher than what banks normally offer. After 20 years they get their contributions back, plus dividends and their employers' equity.

In between, they can avail themselves of housing loans in addition to what is called a "multi-purpose loan " for non-housing needs, such as tuition and appliance purchase. This savings pool is exclusively for members only.

Under its charter, Pag-Ibig is allowed to put 70 percent of its investible funds in housing, which is, after all, the *raison d'être* why workingmen are compelled to contribute monthly to the Fund.

Why should Pag-Ibig then be attached to HUDCC, or for that matter to the proposed Department of Housing? Simple. So that there are checks to ensure that the Fund will not deviate from its mandate of providing funds for housing.

It is also to guarantee that, consistent with its nature as a provident fund, Pag-Ibig will be able to reimburse its members the contributions they have made in 20 years. The Fund has a contract with its members to reimburse them after two decades of religiously paying dues. Attachment will create a system of accountability that will prevent the Fund from reneging on this vow.

But while the use of these funds must be prudent, it must not border on being too conservative to the point that its stewards are immobilized from making bold but beneficial decisions. Fixation with the bottom line is not an excuse to be insensitive to the plight of members.

### Bold steps

With the latter's interest in mind, the current Board has taken bold steps. Based on a published "letter to the editor" from a member complaining about the high fees charged by the Fund in processing housing loans, we slashed the amount of that fee from 5 percent of the loanable amount to a flat P3,000.

We have brought down interest rates—housing loans over P180,000 to P500,000 from 16 percent to 12 percent and housing loans over P500,00 to P2 million from 18 percent to 14 percent, provided the borrower pays his monthly amortization on or before due date.

This was not a populist move but one anchored on a management study and made in response to the lowering of interest rates in the banking sector.

In recognition of the high prices of real estate in major urban areas, we have raised the ceiling of housing loans to P2 million.

We have also launched an all-out war against red tape. When we assumed office, complaints about the tedious and long wait in the processing of housing loans were waiting for us. In response, we have cut down the number of documentary requirements, reduced the number of offices involved and accelerated the timetable of loan processing.

We have instituted these reforms while guarding the Fund. The men and women of Pag-Ibig have shown that simultaneously maximizing members' benefits and Fund income are not incompatible objectives after all.

Above all, they showed that these could be done under a set-up in which the Fund is a de facto attached agency.

Attachment ensures that there will be sentinels to watch over the Fund. Not to bat for one or to junk the need for oversight is a surefire invitation for scams to visit Pag-Ibig like what happened to the other government financial institutions in the past.

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# The WORLD

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# Bush promises to speed up aid to world's poor

**MONTERREY, Mexico—Under fire for giving too little too late to the world's poor, President George W. Bush said on Friday he would jumpstart a multibillion-dollar aid program as part of Washington's "answer to terror."**

He specified that the aid would be given to countries that combat corruption and open their markets.

Addressing a UN development conference in Mexico's third-largest city, Bush said funding under the program could begin to flow to qualified nations over the next 12 months.

When the three-year, $10-billion program was first unveiled last week, Bush said countries would have to wait until 2004.

Bush also made an appeal to the world's rich nations to tear down barriers to trade, calling it the best way to help developing nations help themselves. He held the United States up as a model despite accusations by major trading partners that some of Washington's policies were protectionist.

"We fight against poverty because hope is an answer to terror." Bush said. "We will challenge the poverty and hopelessness and lack of education and failed governments that too often allow conditions that terrorists can seize and try to turn to their advantage," he added.

Despite Bush's pledge to speed up the delivery of aid, some development advocates remained critical. The Council on Hemispheric Affairs called it "a pittance." ActionAid warned that the economic reforms demanded by Washington would be "so subjective they could be used for political purposes."

Later on Friday Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox announced a border security agreement that calls for speeding traffic between the Nafta partners while weeding out would-be terrorists. "Our common border must be closed to drugs and terrorists and open to trade and legitimate travel," Bush said.

Bush will travel to Peru on Saturday, just days after a car bomb killed nine people outside the American Embassy in Lima. He is to stop in El Salvador on Sunday to meet Central American leaders before returning to Washington that evening.

A key objective of Bush's trip was to refocus US attention, diverted by the Sept. 11 attacks, on Latin America. Ahead of the November elections for control of Congress, Bush has been searching for ways to expand the Republican Party's base with the fastest growing voting bloc in the United States—the Hispanic community.

Bush also hoped to foster international goodwill by promoting his plan to boost aid to poor countries. Despite the big increase in assistance announced by Bush, the United States will still lag well behind the European Union and Japan in the aid donor stakes. *Reuters*

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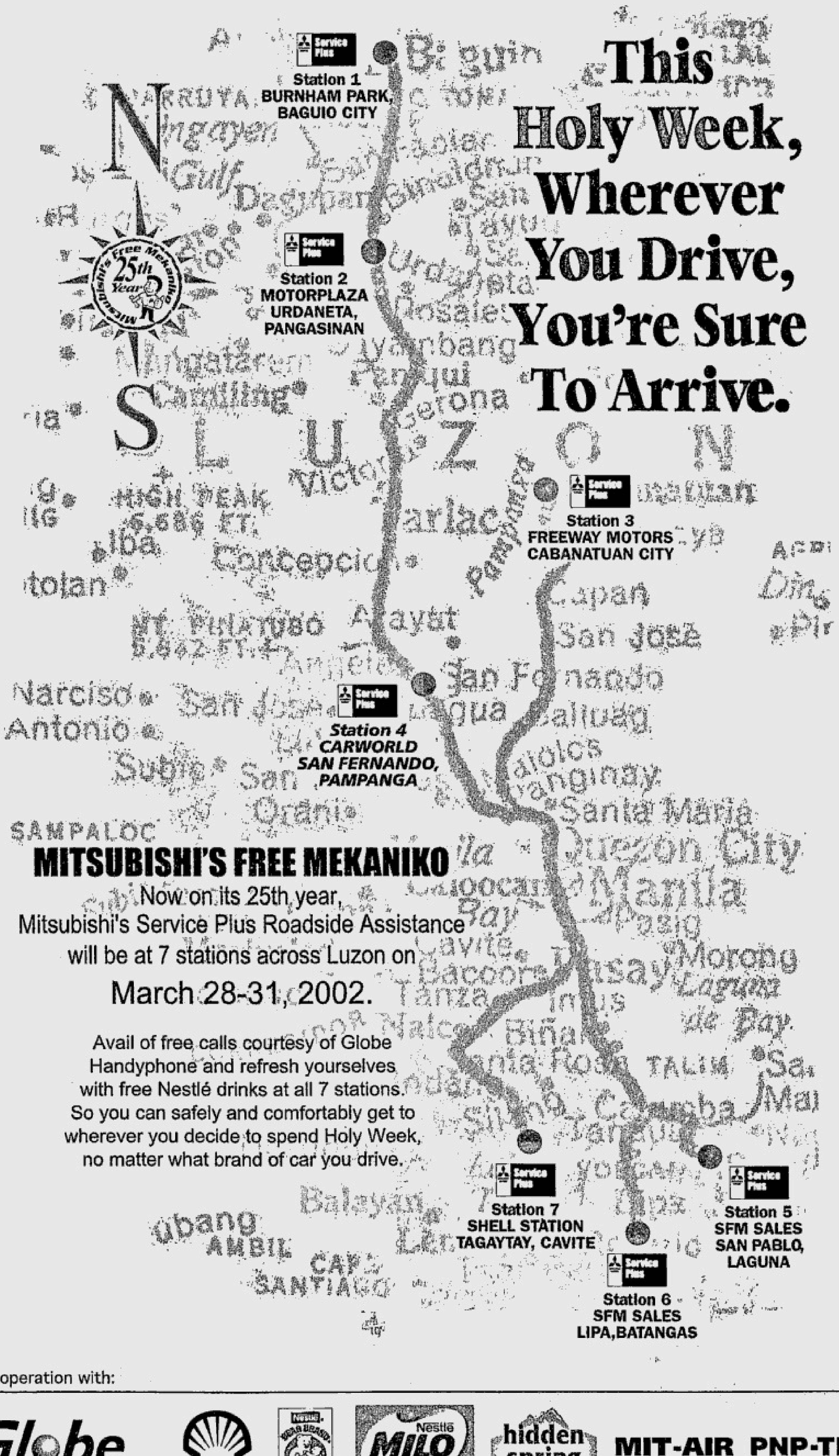

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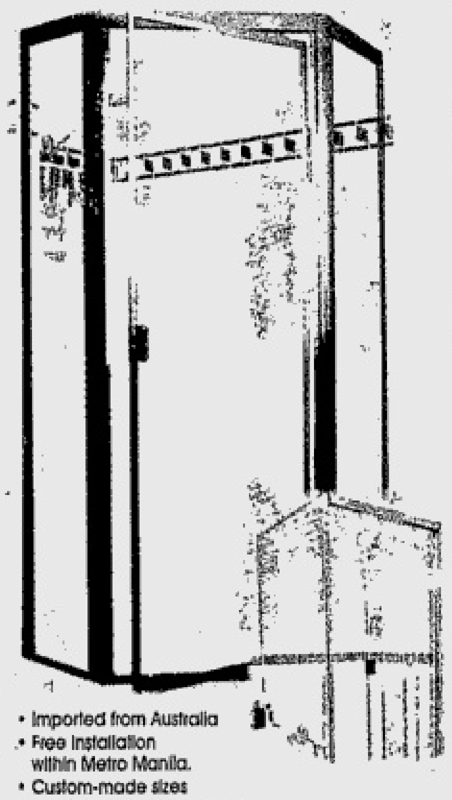

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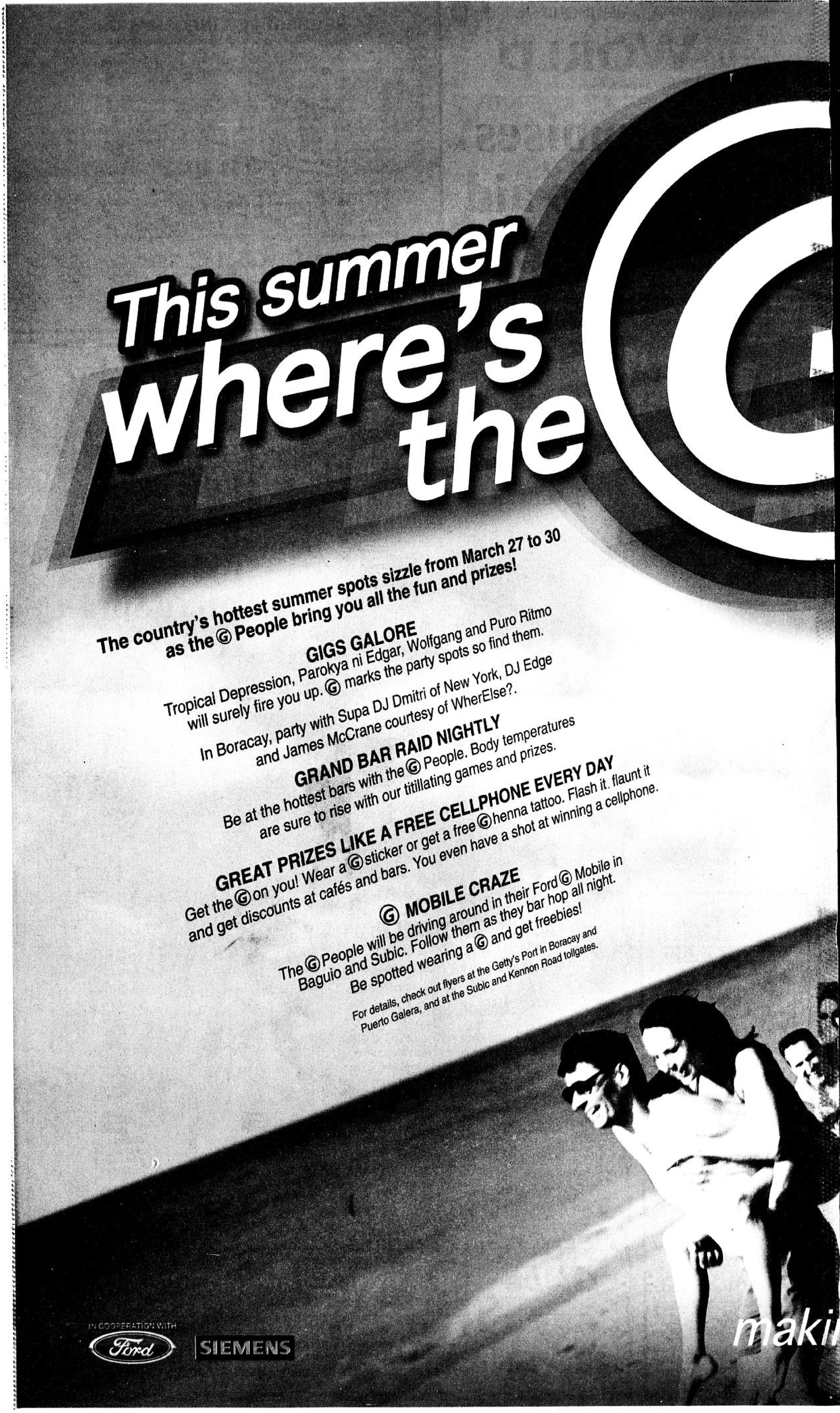

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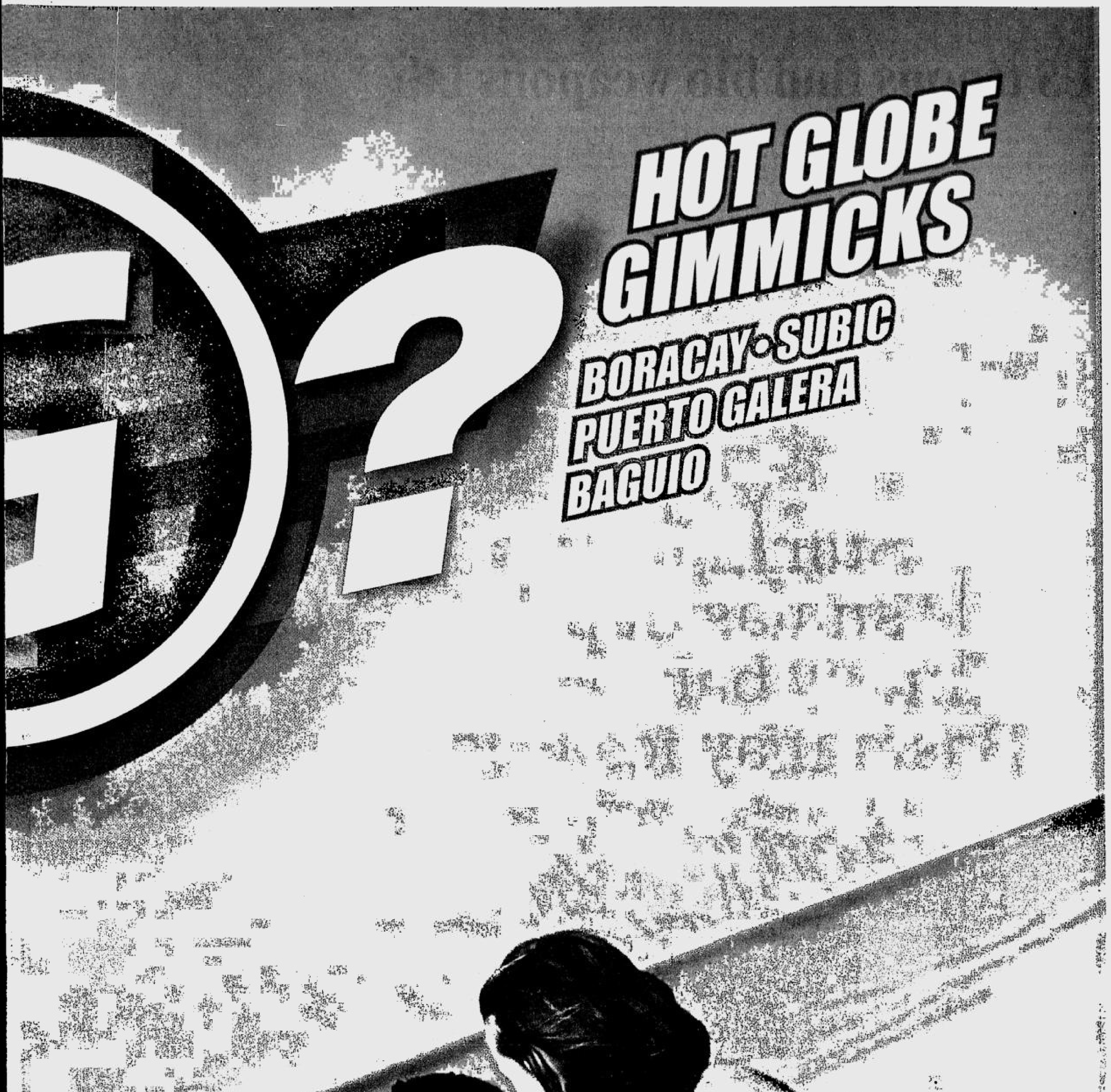
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# US troops find bio weapons lab

LONDON—US troops battling remnants of the al-Qaida network in southeast Afghanistan uncovered a biological weapons laboratory during recent mountain operations, a British government source said on Friday.

But a US defense official, who asked not to be identified, said in Washington that he was not aware of any discovery of a biological arms laboratory in "Operation Anaconda".

Although US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said there is ample evidence that al-Qaida wants weapons of mass destruction, US defense officials said earlier this week that no evidence of any biological arms had been found to date in about 60 al-Qaida and Taliban compounds and other sites searched by US troops in Afghanistan.

But the British source, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said the evidence of biological weapons was a major factor behind Britain's sudden decision this week to send up to 1,700 elite mountain troops to reinforce the US-led coalition waging the "war on terror."

"They found a biological weapons laboratory during Operation Anaconda," he said, giving no further details.

"One of the reasons for sending the marines out was to keep them (al-Qaida) on the run," he added. "It made the need for troops more urgent."

British Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said on Monday he was rushing the troops to Afghanistan in the biggest British combat deployment since the 1991 Gulf War.

Hoon gave few details of their mission but said they were going to mop up the remnants of the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters and would stay in Afghanistan until "the job was done."

The British government source said the al-Qaida network appeared "quite well advanced in biological weapons and chemical weapons technology."

He said he was frankly amazed there had been no major incidents since the Sept. 11 kamikaze attacks in New York and Washington, which gave even greater urgency to the operations against Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

The US troops were surprised at the strength of the opposition and the sophistication of the weaponry they encountered in the high altitude operation against the Taliban and al-Qaida fighters holed up in caves in the mountains.

Eight US troops were killed in the operation earlier this month in the mountains south east of the Afghan capital Kabul.

The United States, which has poured thousands of troops into Afghanistan, said on Monday Operation Anaconda—the biggest battle of the war to date—was winding down.

Following the apparent success of the Afghan operations, the United States has turned its political sights increasingly on Iraq which, along with North Korea and Iran, it accuses of making weapons of mass destruction and spawning terror. **Reuters**

## *Freed Afghans say they were abused in US hands*

SANGESAR, Afghanistan—More than 30 Afghans seized by American troops in a 3 a.m. raid on a village security post said they were kicked and abused at a US Army detention center before being freed four days later.

"If they gave us all of Afghanistan now, this wouldn't make up for this insult," said one of the bruised and angry men, Fida Mohammad, 35.

Another man said it was fortunate his armed security team didn't react defensively to the US force.

"If we reacted, there might have been a firefight, and many people might have been killed," said Ghousullah, 22.

Maj. Ralph Mills, a spokesperson for US Central Command, said any injuries could have happened when the men were apprehended in last Sunday's raid.

"Some of the people may have resisted when being subdued, and they may have been bruised in the process," Mills said Friday. "We don't have anything that suggests that anyone was mistreated while in captivity."

The military has been reluctant to discuss its detention center at a US airport base outside Kandahar, 40 km east of here. Scores of Taliban and al-Qaida terrorist suspects are held there.

The Afghans' accounts of mistreatment were similar to those in February from another group, seized on Jan. 23 when US special forces raided a compound in Uruzgan province and witnesses reported 21 Afghans killed. ***AP***

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# Swiss closed eyes to Nazi victims, historians report

ZURICH—Switzerland shirked its moral responsibilities to victims of the Nazis as the Holocaust raged, cloaking itself in neutrality to justify business as usual with the Axis powers, international historians concluded on Friday.

In a final report after a five-year study of Switzerland's wartime role, the nine-member panel blasted a refugee policy that turned back thousands to near-certain death, excessive cooperation with Nazi Germany and failure to return wealth to its rightful owners when World War Two ended.

The 600-page, government-commissioned study stems from Swiss efforts to explore their recent past given allegations, especially from Jewish groups, that Switzerland and its secretive banks coolly enriched themselves amid the wartime agony that ripped the continent but left the Alpine state practically unscathed.

The emotional debate escalated into a bitter feud that was defused only when Switzerland's biggest banks agreed in 1998 to pay $1.25 billion to settle all Holocaust-era claims against the banks, Swiss industry, the central bank and the government.

The report casts a withering look at an anti-Jewish wartime refugee policy, extensive Swiss gold purchases from Nazi Germany even when it became clear some of the gold was looted, the use of 11,000 forced laborers in Swiss-owned factories in Germany, and a "disreputable" trade in stolen goods that sprang up.

The panel was chaired by Jean-Francois Bergier, a Swiss historian. Other members included Israeli professor Saul Friedlaender, Harold James of Princeton University in the United States and Poland's Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, a survivor of Auschwitz concentration camp.

Critics lambasted the study as hopelessly slanted.

"A free country should not shell out taxpayers' money to confirm . . . the opinions that were already in the heads of historians selected on one-sided political criteria," the right-wing Swiss People's Party said.

However, the Berne government hailed it as a big contribution to the public debate on Swiss history and a reminder of how the country and its leaders at times acted less than honorably. Berne apologized in 1995 for its wartime refugee policy.

Elan Steinberg, executive vice president of the World Jewish Congress, called the report "a devastating historical and moral indictment that vindicates the testimonies of Holocaust victims and their heirs. The report concludes that neutrality cannot be a watch word for insensitivity." *Reuters*

# Mideast truce meet ends without result

JERUSALEM—US-mediated talks aimed at forging an Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire ended without result on Friday but another meeting was expected soon, despite the third suicide bombing in as many days.

US officials have heaped pressure on the adversaries to show restraint and give the ceasefire mission of Washington's Middle East envoy Anthony Zinni a chance to bear fruit.

Israel has said that if a truce is reached it will lift its travel ban on Palestinian President Yasser Arafat to allow him to have talks with US Vice President Dick Cheney, and to attend an Arab summit next week in Beirut devoted to a Saudi-initiated Middle East peace plan.

But the White House said on Friday Arafat had not yet fulfilled conditions to meet Cheney, citing continued Palestinian assaults on Israelis.

Friday's talks took place at a secret location in Israel's biggest city Tel Aviv as another Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up after the taxi he was in was halted at an Israeli Army checkpoint in the occupied West Bank, injuring a soldier.

An Israeli security source said the talks were held "at the Americans' behest, although frankly we were reluctant to do so given the continued Palestinian terrorist attacks."

"The meeting ended with no concrete accomplishments as far as we were concerned. We agreed to hold another meeting early next week, possibly on Sunday," he said. *Reuters*

## WORLDBRIEFS

### 2,400 US warheads

WASHINGTON—The United States plans to have 2,400 strategic nuclear warheads in a reserve "responsive force" in the year 2012, on top of the 1,700 to 2,200 warheads it usually talks about in public, arms control experts say. The experts, who had a briefing from US officials earlier this month, said the Bush administration also planned to aim for the 2,200-warhead figure, the upper limit of the range which it announced in November and expects to enshrine in an agreement with Russian President Vladimir Putin in May. Besides the 2,400 warheads in the "responsive force," the United States would keep many thousands more in an inactive reserve the exact size of which is hard to predict, they said. *Reuters*

### New priest scandal

BOSTON—The scandal over pedophile priests engulfing the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston on Friday reached into the diocesan hierarchy when a senior priest was suspended after he was accused in a lawsuit of molesting a teenage boy nearly 25 years ago. Rev. Msgr. Frederick Ryan, a vicar and parish priest, was placed on administrative leave while the matter was investigated, the diocese said. Ryan is the 10th priest suspended this year by the diocese because of allegations of sexual abuse of children and teenagers. *Reuters*

### Thatcher retires

LONDON—Britain marked the end of an era on Saturday after "Iron Lady" Margaret Thatcher followed her doctors' advice and retired from public speaking because of a series of minor strokes. Tributes poured in to Britain's first woman prime minister, who forged a new brand of right-wing conservatism during her 11-year rule, though some old enemies reacted with relief. The mass circulation tabloid The Sun, a traditional ally of the 76-year-old arch-Tory, said hers was the "voice that shook the world." "Quite simply, she put the Great back into Great Britain." *Reuters*

### Oldest man turns 113

TOKYO—The world's oldest man on Saturday celebrated his 113th birthday at his home island of Kyushu in southwestern Japan. Yukichi Chuganji, a former silkworm breeder born in 1889, became the record holder after the death of Antonio Todde of Sardinia on Jan. 4. *Reuters*

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## Execs assail 'Caloy' forecast

**By Jhunnex Napallacan**
*PDI Visayas Bureau*

**CEBU CITY—The Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Service Administration (Pagasa) should have explained its "inaccurate" forecast on tropical depression "Caloy," according to city officials.**

City Councilor Gerrardo Carillo, chair of the city council's committee on social services, said most of the people were unprepared when Caloy hit Cebu early Friday morning.

The weather bureau on Thursday released a bulletin placing southern Cebu and Bohol under Storm Signal No. 1. Caloy, the bulletin said, had a maximum sustained wind of 55 kilometers per hour (kph) near the center.

But when Caloy hit Cebu at around 6:30 a.m. on Friday, it spawned winds stronger than expected. Cebu weather specialist Oscar Tabada told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview on Friday that Caloy's gustiness was recorded at 83 kph when it hit Cebu.

The strength of the tropical depression caught Cebu and Bohol by surprise. By the time it left Cebu and Bohol, two persons were confirmed dead, five fishermen were reported missing, power outages occurred in many parts of Metro Cebu and Bohol, and at least 92 families were displaced in the city alone.

At least 14 motor boats in Cebu province and 10 fishing boats in President Garcia, Bohol, capsized.

Carillo said officials of Pagasa would be asked to appear before the city council "so that they can explain what's wrong with their forecast."

"They have to explain because their forecast said that Cebu Island would not be directly hit (by the tropical depression) and that its wind velocity was not strong," Carillo said in Cebuano.

Accuracy in weather forecasting is very important because the public relies only on Pagasa for its weather update, and much preparation is needed in case of a weather disturbance, Carillo said.

Melvin Bacalso, a fisherman from Talisay City, said his father Bernardo went fishing, believing that Caloy would not affect Cebu. Bernardo, along with four other fishermen, was among those reported still missing.

Angel Gaviola, executive director of the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council, said the extent of damage has yet to be determined.

### WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Palawan including the Calamian group of Islands will experience rains with occasional gusty winds. The Western section of Southern Luzon will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers. source: **pagasa**

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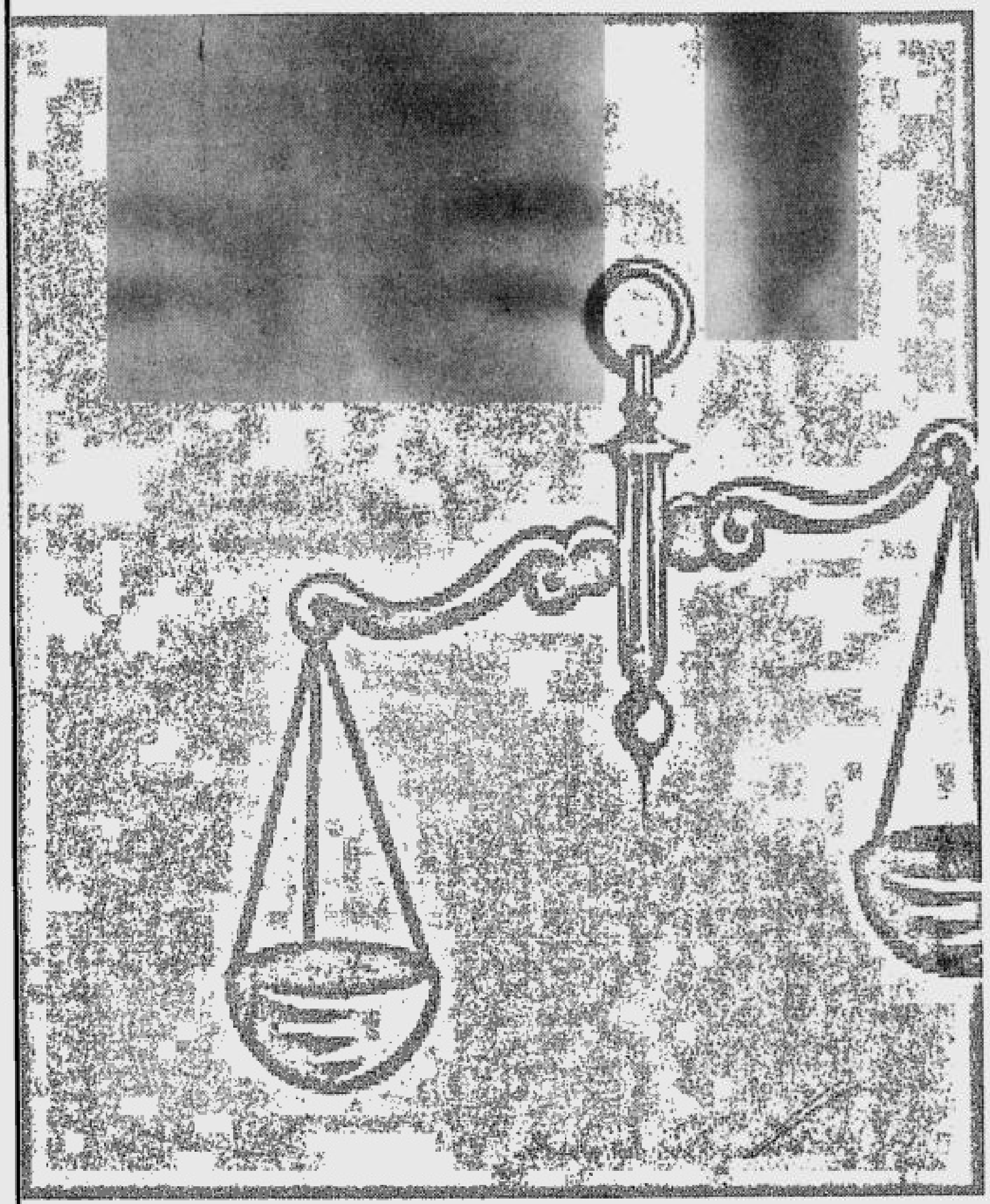
# Is Mark Jimenez Above the Law?



We have a law, called the **Philippine Extradition Law (P.D. 1069)**, promulgated on January 13, 1977.

The Philippines has an **Extradition Treaty** with the United States. This treaty has the force of law in the Philippines as well as in the US. Our law on extradition is as valid and enforceable as our laws on kidnapping for ransom, rape, or illegal drug trafficking.

The Philippines has sought for and obtained the cooperation of the US in extraditing Filipinos wanted by our government for serious crimes. Atong Ang, co-accused in former President Joseph Estrada's Plunder cases, has been arrested by the US government and held ***without*** bail in the US jail pending his extradition proceedings. The US court denied Mr. Ang's request for bail within sixty (60) days after his arrest.

NOT so with Mark Jimenez, now a Congressman in the Philippines. Charged with serious crimes before the US court of law, he has, so far, stalled the legal proceedings of his extradition to the US. His crimes were allegedly committed long before he became a Congressman.

How was Mark Jimenez able to delay what should have been an expeditious extradition as called for in the RP-US Treaty?

## Help for Mark Jimenez

**Ombudsman Aniano Desierto**

Immunity for Mark Jimenez *(for what?)*

**Allies in Congress**

Resolution to block extradition *(special treatment?)*

## The Facts

1. ***Why did it take the DoJ two years to file the Extradition Case against Mark Jimenez?*** It was almost two (2) years ***after*** the Department of Justice (DoJ) received the *note verbale* from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) when the DoJ filed on May 18, 2001 Extradition Case No. 01-192061 against Mark Jimenez now pending before Regional Trial Court (RTC)-Manila, Branch 42.

2. Mark Jimenez's lawyers requested the DoJ on July 1, 1999 for copies of the extradition request and other documents. The DoJ denied the request on the ground that the Extradition Treaty does not allow such requests ***before*** the filing of the petition for extradition.

3. Mark Jimenez filed a case before the RTC of Manila (Civil Case No. 99-94684), asking the court to compel the DoJ to give him his requested documents.

4. The Court, then presided by Judge Ralph C. Lantion, granted the request of Mark Jimenez. The DoJ, questioning the decision, elevated the ruling to the Supreme Court. On January 18, 2000, the SC by a vote of 9 to 6, in a decision penned by Mr Justice Jose A.R. Melo (G.R. No. 139465) dismissed the DoJ petition. It directed the DoJ to furnish Mark Jimenez copies of the extradition requests and supporting documents.

5. On October 17, 2000, the SC ***reversed*** itself by a vote of 9 to 6. This time speaking through Mr. Justice Reynato S. Puno, the nine (9) justices nullified the Order of Judge Lantion and stopped permanently the proceedings in Civil Case No. 99-94684. The High Court ruled that Mark Jimenez, or any extraditee, is not entitled to copies of the request ***before*** the filing of the petition for extradition.

6. As a Congressman, Mark Jimenez mobilized his friends and allies in Congress to stop his extradition. A Congressional Resolution is being circulated to block his extradition. This is a repeat performance of a move for a Congressional Resolution supporting Erap's knee surgery abroad.

7. Now we have Ombudsman Aniano Desierto coming to Mark Jimenez's possible rescue. Desierto claims he may need Mark Jimenez as a witness in Erap's plunder cases. How can Mr Desierto even suggest this when the Secretary of Justice, who once considered granting Mark Jimenez immunity in the plunder cases as a vital witness against Joseph Estrada, has ***dropped*** Mark Jimenez as a witness with a grant of immunity? The affidavits given by Mark Jimenez to the DoJ show lack of sufficient information enough to make him an important witness entitled to immunity.

8. Ombudsman Desierto did ***not*** file plunder cases against Mark Jimenez despite the official complaints for plunder filed against him in April 2001 by lawyers and civic groups of CLEAR, OUSTER, CLAMOR, ARM, and VACC for his alleged involvement in the ***Belle-GSIS-SSS*** anomalous transaction (OMB-0-01-0291); and in the *Jose Velarde Plunder Case* where Mark Jimenez deposited millions of pesos into the Jose Velarde account (OMB-0-01-0211).

But not so fortunate are some Filipinos who do not have the huge financial resources of Mark Jimenez. Such as Juan Antonio Muñoz, subject of another extradition request.

## Compare these two cases:

- **Mark Jimenez,** wanted for more crimes, is out on bail.
- **Juan Antonio Muñoz,** wanted for lesser crimes, is in jail in the Philippines pending his extradition proceedings.

| | Mark Jimenez | Juan Muñoz |
|---|---|---|
| Case Number | Still pending before Regional Trial Court, Manila | Supreme Court decided case on Dec. 18, 2000<br>G.R. No. 140520 |
| Nature of Case | Fraud in the US<br>a) Conspiracy to commit an offense or to defraud the United States on two counts carrying a maximum penalty of five years each;<br>b) Attempt to evade or defeat tax or four counts carrying a maximum penalty of five years each;<br>c) Fraud by wire, radio or television on two counts carrying a penalty of five years each;<br>d) False statement or entries on six counts carrying a penalty of five years each; and<br>e) Election contribution in the name of another on 33 counts with a penalty of less than one year. | Fraud in Hong Kong<br>Seven counts of accepting an advantage as agency and seven counts of conspiracy to defraud. |
| Whereabouts | Out on bail for ₱1M. Granted by Judge Purganan, RTC Manila | Immediately arrested on September 23, 1999 upon orders of the court |
| Legal Moves | Undue delay and successful dilatory tactics employed with the courts of law. | In jail while case is pending |
| Request for Extradition | June 18, 1999<br>(After having been indicted before the Grand Jury for which a warrant of arrest was issued by the U.S.) | Sept. 13, 1999<br>(Provisional arrest of Muñoz) |
| Courts Abroad | District Court, Southern District of Florida, USA | International Law Division of the Hong Kong Department of Justice |

The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr Robert Mueller, made it clear to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo that the US wants the "fugitive" Mark Jimenez for violating US laws.

But unlike the poor Juan Antonio Muñoz, who is in jail, Mark Jimenez is a powerful Congressman who is out on bail and receives the support of influential people inside and outside of Congress.

## Are all Filipinos equal before the law?

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# Mt. Matutum declared off limits to trekkers

TUPI, South Cotabato—Mountain trekkers are not allowed to scale Mt. Matutum starting this Lenten season.

Sacaruddin Magarang, chief of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, said the ban would remain in effect throughout the El Niño period.

"Mt. Matutum will only be open to trekkers, campers and climbers once the long dry spell is over," Magarang said.

Earlier, the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) passed a resolution asking the local DENR office to declare Matutum, a dormant volcano, off limits to mountain climbers during the drought months.

The PAMB is a multi-agency body overseeing the protection, conservation and development of Matutum, which was declared a protected area in 1995.

Several incidents of grass and brush fires have already been reported in recent months, Magarang disclosed. But he could not yet determine who were behind the incidents.

Ramon Belaza, Tupi municipal tourism chief, said about 300 mountain enthusiasts have already signified interest in climbing Matutum this Lenten season.

Records of the Municipal Tourism Council showed that more than 1,000 trekkers scale Matutum every year. Each visitor is required to secure a permit worth P30 from the Tupi Tourism Office before the trek. ***Aquiles Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

'AGENT X' LETTER

# Mystery group owns murders

**By Vincent Cabreza**
*PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

BAGUIO CITY—A "secret alliance" in Abra has claimed credit for a "well-orchestrated" crime wave there that is highlighted by a car bombing, a series of bomb threats at the provincial capitol and at least five murders.

The killings included those of two barangay captains during the March 11 "Arya Abra" Festival.

This was the substance of a March 15 handwritten letter sent to Supt. Artemio Quilop, Abra police director, in Bangued town. The letter was sent to a high school here where Quilop's child was enrolled.

The letter warned Quilop that his life was in danger from "an organized secret people's alliance," which intends to depose "an abusive and corrupt political leader" there.

The letter was signed simply with the moniker "Agent X." It claimed that all the crimes that have hit Abra were calculated to destroy the careers of a politician and Quilop.

Quilop said during a radio interview on Thursday that he considered the letter a threat because threatening text messages accompanied it. He received the text messages this month.

The INQUIRER obtained a copy of the two-page letter from the Baguio station.

But Chief Supt. George Aliño, Cordillera police director, is skeptical about the letter's assertions.

"The police have already filed charges against the suspects involved in some of these murders. They involved personal grudges," he told the INQUIRER.

He said murder charges would be filed against four suspects for the murder of Reynaldo Batalier, 42, of Barangay Namarabar, and Restituto Benosa, 51, of Barangay Tat-tawa, both in Peñarubia town.

The two village leaders were gunned down during the Arya Abra parade in Bangued.

Aliño said police have zeroed in on a suspect in the Dec. 27 assassination of Mayor Jose Segundo of Tubo, Abra. He did not elaborate.

The only crimes still being investigated are the March 5 car-bombing incident involving a provincial employee, and bomb threats sent to the provincial capitol last week.

Most of these crimes occurred after a visit to Abra by President Macapagal-Arroyo last month.

Aliño appeared piqued at Quilop for releasing the letter to the media before transmitting it to Camp Dangwa. But he said he understood the necessity of preempting the threats through publicity.

"We are in the business of receiving threats. I myself have been receiving threats," he said.

# 5-year Apo ban extension urged

DAVAO CITY—Local government units, which share jurisdiction over Mt. Apo, want to extend the two-year ban on climbers for at least five more years.

The Protected Area Management Board earlier declared the country's highest peak closed to trekkers so rehabilitation can take place. The two-year hiatus ends in July.

Cotabato Gov. Emmanuel Piñol said Apo has not fully recovered from the devastation wrought by some climbers and visitors despite an earlier ban.

"The least that the mountain needs now is exposure to abuse and destruction from irresponsible trekkers," Piñol said.

Apo's popularity, especially during summer and the Lenten season, has exacted a heavy toll on its ecological balance.

Figures gathered by the local environmentalist group Mt. Apo Foundation Inc. indicate that the number of visitors can easily swell to 2,800 during the Lenten season.

Digos City Mayor Arsenio Latasa said the five-year extension would be good for Apo, "if we really want to save the mountain from devastation."

Climbers access the 14,000-ft. national park from Digos through the Kapatagan route.
***Anthony Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

## ROUNDUP

### Spared from death

CABANATUAN CITY—Two poultry workers found guilty of murdering their employer were saved from lethal injection when the Supreme Court modified their respective sentences. In a decision penned by Associate Justice Santiago Kapunan, the tribunal commuted the sentence on Roberto Cabillan to life sentence while that on Melvin Garcia was commuted to a 15-year prison term. Judge Feliciano Buenaventura of the regional trial court here found Cabillan and Garcia guilty of killing Jose Sta. Romana Sarmenta in his poultry farm in Barangay Macatbong on Aug. 21, 1996.
***Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk***

### 10-ft python seized

NAGUILIAN, Isabela—Environment workers confiscated a 10-foot python (*Python reticulatus*) from a farmer who caught the animal here last week. Vicente Bayucan, Naguilian community environment and natural resources officer, said the python, locally called *sawa*, was found by the farmer along a creek at Sitio San Vicente in Barangay San Manuel on March 15. Bayucan's men built an improvised cage for the snake. Its skin has diamond patterns in brown, yellow and black.
***Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

### Grenade blast kills 1

NAGA CITY—A grenade exploded Friday morning in a small store at Barangay Bayawas in this city, killing one person and seriously injuring another. Supt. Elly Bron, Naga City police chief, identified the fatality as Ulysses Botor and the injured as Jorge Tesorero. Bron said Botor was apparently holding the grenade inside the store when it exploded. The grenade damaged Botor's legs and hands while Tesorero remained in the intensive care unit of the Bicol Medical Center as of press time. Christopher Enciso, a friend of Botor who lives several meters away, said Botor told them that the grenade was being offered for mortgage by a certain Fire Officer Edgar "Muslim" Agong who was detailed at the Pili Fire Station.
***Juan Escandor Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau***

### Career talks

GRADUATING students from the Pacita Complex National High School in San Pedro, Laguna, were offered a glimpse of their career options during a career guidance seminar given recently by the Rotary Club of San Pedro South. Titled "Quo Vadis, Youth?" the seminar highlighted opportunities in medicine, law, mass media and public relations, and other fields, according to a press release. San Pedro Youth Rotarians Rose Celis, Mark Esparas, Emma Tan and Ray Junia talked about business, banking and finance, insurance, and mass communications, respectively.

### Cocaine worth P5M found

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# The slaves of Saloagan

SUNSET at the Dumanguillas Bay in Saloagan, Dimataling, Zamboanga del Sur, a favorite landing area of marauders in the past. PHOTOS BY JOEY R.B. LOZANO

**By Joey R.B. Lozano**
*Dimataling, Zamboanga del Sur*

**THE SUNDAY service was about to end. There were 40 of us inside the church—men, women and children. All of a sudden, armed men, 15 of them, surrounded us. We were terrified! We knew what's about to happen. We'd be taken far away and sold as slaves..."**

No, this is not an account of a young lass abducted by the Abu Sayyaf and recently set free. The voice is Timang Mayad's, a Subanen woman. It quivers, but it is no longer that of a 15-year-old girl like she was when she was taken captive.

Timang is now 68 years old, living atop a hilly portion of Saloagan overlooking the resource-rich Dumanquillas Bay in Dimataling, Zamboanga del Sur, relishing what she had missed throughout the quarter of a century as a "*bihag* (captive)."

"The group (of abductors) were mainly Maguindanaon," Timang continued, "mostly armed with Springfield rifles."

SUBANEN "bihag" Timang Mayad, now 68; she was taken captive when she was 16.

It was 1942, just before the outbreak of World War II. The incident was the last in a long history of abductions of tribe members by marauders.

## Book on Subanen

"The Subanens of Sindangan Bay," a book written by Emerson Brewer Christie and published in 1909, contains accounts of exploitation of the Subanen tribe by fierce pirates called Lutaos as early as the 1660s. They were under the command of the Maranao sultan and the Muslims of Mindanao and Sulu, Christie noted.

Captured with Timang were six others, added Timuay (chieftain) Librado Buga, including her father Dag, brothers Palabuhas and Kaning, a cousin named Misay and another girl.

The abductions were a violation of the *sapa*, a covenant of peace between the tribe and the Muslims, said the chieftain, who was 12 years old then. He added that the perpetrators were under the command of Datu Kulintang, the feared leader of thieves and kidnappers at that time.

"We were herded toward the river," Timang continued, "and forced to board a *vinta* that can accommodate at least 100 persons. All in all, there were 12 Subanen captives and 10 Bisaya (referring to the settlers)."

Timang's brother Palabuhas managed to escape before boarding.

## Swapped for rifle

The boat left in the evening and arrived in Malabang of Lanao in the afternoon of the following day. Upon docking, the captives were immediately brought to Taraka, Marawi, where they were sold to Maranaos, narrated Timang.

She said she was swapped for one Springfield rifle to a certain Matuan. Her father was sold at Danugan, Lanao del Sur, for an unknown amount.

"I was ordered to work in Matuan's field. I did some planting and weeding. At home, I was both the laundrywoman and cook. Matuan's wife, Umanda, was kind. It was her children who often hurt me when I commit a mistake," Timang narrated in Visayan but with a Maranao accent.

Her father's master may have been a kind one, Timang said, as he was able to visit her even during his captivity.

Her brother Kaning managed to escape two years later.

## Sold for P500

Timang's fate changed "for the better," she said, after one month. A 50-year-old village chief named Malawi took fancy to her and bought her for P500. She became the seventh and last wife of the datu.

"I was treated well by Malawi's children and her other wives, but I still missed Saloagan for its abundance in food both from the land and sea," she said. She later gave birth to two boys and a girl.

After the war, Philippine constables scoured Lanao to free the captives from the Maranao and were sent home.

Among them was her father. Timang remained as she was introduced to the soldiers as one of the wives of the village chief, not as captive.

Her brother Lucas managed to trace her with the information given him by their father. He met Malawi and demanded the customary *sunggod* (dowry). The Maranao chief claimed he already earlier paid P1,000 to a cousin who was also a captive then.

## Going home

On his second visit in 1955, and not wanting to displease his brother-in-law, Lucas secretly gave his sister directions on how to go home.

Malawi died in 1958. In 1964, with three children in tow, Timang went home to Saloagan. Her father had already passed away when she arrived. The next year, she married Andres Kitang, a jolly Subanen.

"God help it does not happen again," Lucas, who is now one of the leaders in Saloagan, said.

"We will certainly resist similar incidents. It is not right," he asserted.

"*Naguol ko* (I worried a lot)," Timang said of her ordeal as she looked at the wide span of the Dumanquillas Bay. But for now, she admits to being happier on her homeland than elsewhere.

In her Maranaw-accented Visayan, Timang says she's "still making up for her lost Subanen identity."

Moreover, she wished that the dark part of the tribe's history will never ever happen again.

# Why are they doing this to Guingona?

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Affairs will file tomorrow a *note verbale* protesting the blunder.

A ranking DFA official who requested anonymity said Guingona was prevented from taking his place at the luncheon for diplomats despite an official invitation.

"The Vice President showed up at the function on time and he had his invitation card with him," the DFA source said. "When he got there, he was told that he was not on the list. So he showed the organizers his invitation. Then he left."

It was supposedly Guingona himself who ordered that the DFA file a diplomatic protest.

"A *note verbale* has been drafted," the source said, adding that Mexican Ambassador to the Philippines Enrique Hubbard had been summoned to appear at the DFA tomorrow to officially receive the document.

Guingona was expected back yesterday.

### UN conference

The Vice President flew to Monterrey to attend the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development, at which he delivered a speech titled "The Challenge of Poverty."

Being conference host, the Mexican government also hosted the luncheon for the diplomats.

"The DFA is extremely disappointed with what happened," said the source, who noted a touch of irony in Guingona's having delivered the introduction to his speech in Spanish.

In his speech, Guingona took issue with the UN Millennium resolution to eradicate poverty by 2015.

"If we follow the mandate of the UN Millennium resolution, we preserve the progress of the rich even as we elevate the poor and prevent the tragedies that even now are tearing our peoples and nations apart," he said.

He also said the Philippines, a developing nation, was not seeking a "dole-out" but assistance in technology to bridge the gap between the rich and poor.

"Our people are poor not because they are destined to be poor, but because of deprived opportunities," the Vice President said.

He added: "We decry the plight of millions who cannot find jobs, the hundreds of thousands of tattered children who cannot finish school, the scores of farmers and fishermen who cannot make both ends meet.

"But open the windows of technology and they will respond. Empower them with the means to improve their skills and they will use that power to grow new seeds and generate new jobs. Give us the instruments and we lift from poverty more than 30 million people."

**GUINGONA** even spoke in Spanish.

**EMILIANA, 6, who now lives in Sydney, keeps in touch with her roots and her ancestry by returning home for the next 20 years to present the Aguinaldo saber to a graduating PMA cadet cited for excellence in leadership and history.**

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# Little girl continues Aguinaldo family tradition

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the next 20 years, according to her uncle, Emilio Aguinaldo Suntay.

Since 1976, the Aguinaldo family has been giving the annual award to a graduating cadet who garnered the highest grade in history and leadership subjects.

Suntay was the first young descendant to do the honors for the family in 1976. He was then 7 years old.

General Aguinaldo was honored in rites at Kawit, Cavite, last Friday, his 133rd birthday.

### Planned

The decision to entrust to Emiliana, youngest daughter of Nenita Aguinaldo Suntay and Jesus Tañedo, the preservation of a family tradition was made at her birth on Jan. 30, 1996.

"It was already planned," Suntay said. "We named her after our grandfather to (put) her in touch with her history and roots. She has to continue the tradition of the family, and we will show her how (to preserve it)."

Suntay said the family conceptualized the award to symbolize its belief in Filipinos who show exemplary leadership.

"And the PMA cadets are ideal candidates for the award because they are well-developed men and women who can lead the country," he said. "Our great-grandfather was not only a military man, he was also a leader."

Each awardee receives, aside from the saber, a stipend from the Aguinaldo Foundation Inc.

Emiliana is the youngest and first female Aguinaldo descendant to present the award at the PMA.

Suntay said the family had to wait for her to grow "a little older" before introducing her to the annual ceremony.

"The wait has finally ended," he told the INQUIRER.

### Sydney-based

The Tañedos are based in Sydney, Australia, but that does not stop the family from keeping Emiliana in touch with her roots, Suntay said.

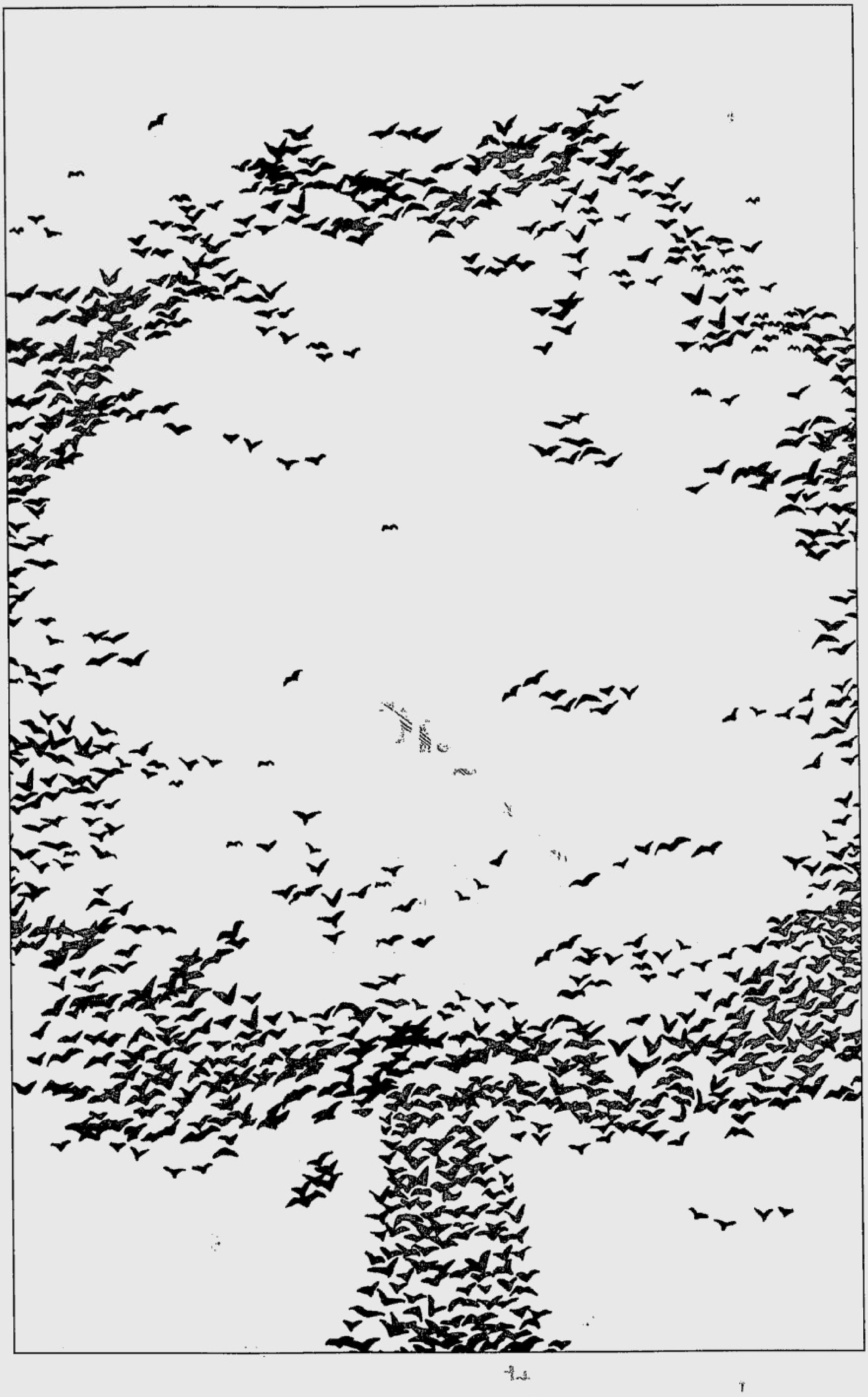
"She has to know everything about the Aguinaldos and live with (the knowledge) for the rest of her life, like what I (and every other Aguinaldo heir) are doing," he said.

Emiliana has three siblings—Ana, 24; Brian, 20; and Ian, 16—all of whom, Suntay said, had experienced presenting the Aguinaldo saber at one point in their lives.

"But it is really Emiliana who will be devoting most of her life to preserve the Aguinaldo tradition. Giving out the award (to the PMA) is just one of her duties," he said.

According to Suntay, Emiliana has to return to the Philippines every year to present the award "until a new descendant comes along."

And that descendant can only be her child, Suntay said.



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# *An appeal to Sec. Mar Roxas*

## *Reject Tariff Commission's death warrant to industrial communities*

We, the public officers, community leaders, and constituents of provinces, cities and municipalities hosting cement plants, appeal to Secretary Mar Roxas to reject the recommendation of the Tariff Commission to deny tariff protection to the local cement industry.

SEC. ROXAS, DEPENSAHAN MO
ANG INDUSTRIYA NG SEMENTO!
IPAGPATULOY ANG SAFEGUARDS!

*Civil society leaders led by former Senator Wigberto "Bobby" Tañada of the Fair Trade Alliance, march with workers and employees of local industries threatened by import surges, dumping and smuggling. In a rally in Makati City recently in front of the office of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the marchers called on government to implement safeguard measures for local industries and jobs distressed by imports.*

Our communities are located outside of Metro Manila, in areas where the main economic lifeline is the local cement plant. The local cement industry has uplifted the general standard of living of our constituents and communities.

Through the jobs that it has provided, workers and their families are now assured of their basic necessities. Our local governments are also able to provide basic government services from the local taxes we raise from the plants.

Also, the presence of these plants has led to the establishment of related businesses: from the local turo-turo canteens and sari-sari stores beside the plants, to jeepneys plying the route, to suppliers of materials and other requirements of the plants. It has also benefited many allied industries such as haulers, local service contractors, suppliers of heavy equipment parts, and suppliers of machinery and heavy equipment parts.

DEPENSAHAN MO
ANG INDUSTRIYA NG SEMENTO!
IPAGPATULOY ANG SAFEGUARDS!

With the development brought by the local cement industry, we have managed to keep a majority of our constituency from poverty and frankly, from joining rebel forces. With the promise brought by this industry, we are confident that our people can ultimately realize their aspiration for lasting peace and order through genuine sustainable economic development.

However, we have learned that the TC has recommended to the DTI to deny the petition of the local cement industry to avail of safeguard measures under Republic Act 8800, which have been suffering because of unfair competition from importers. If upheld, the recommendation will be death warrant to our communities. It will lead to the flooding of cement imports that could be fatal to the local manufacturers – and fatal to our constituents and communities.

We are extremely disturbed that a major economic dislocation is imminent if the local cement industry is not given relief at the soonest possible time. Unless immediate relief is given, more cutbacks in local production will r result and ultimately, the cement plants and factories providing livelihood to our people will close down. We dread the threat of poverty facing our people with this looming eventuality and the danger of losing them to those that seek to disturb the peace or the overthrow of government.

We appeal to you, Honorable Secretary, in your determination of the public interest, to consider above all the interest of our people by rejecting the recommendation of the Tariff Commission and imposing definitive safeguards against imported cement to defend the local industry upon which we highly depend. It is only through this relief that you may help us save our people from the threat of poverty and prevent them from being persuaded that rebellion is the answer to their problems.

We trust that immediate assistance to our local cement industry is given to preserve the hopes and aspirations of our constituency for a genuine and sustainable development and for a peaceful and orderly community. Help us prevent a heightened rebellion of the already impoverished citizenry of our country. It is only through the protection of our local industry and the furtherance of economic development that peace and order can be finally attained. Help us achieve this peace and development!

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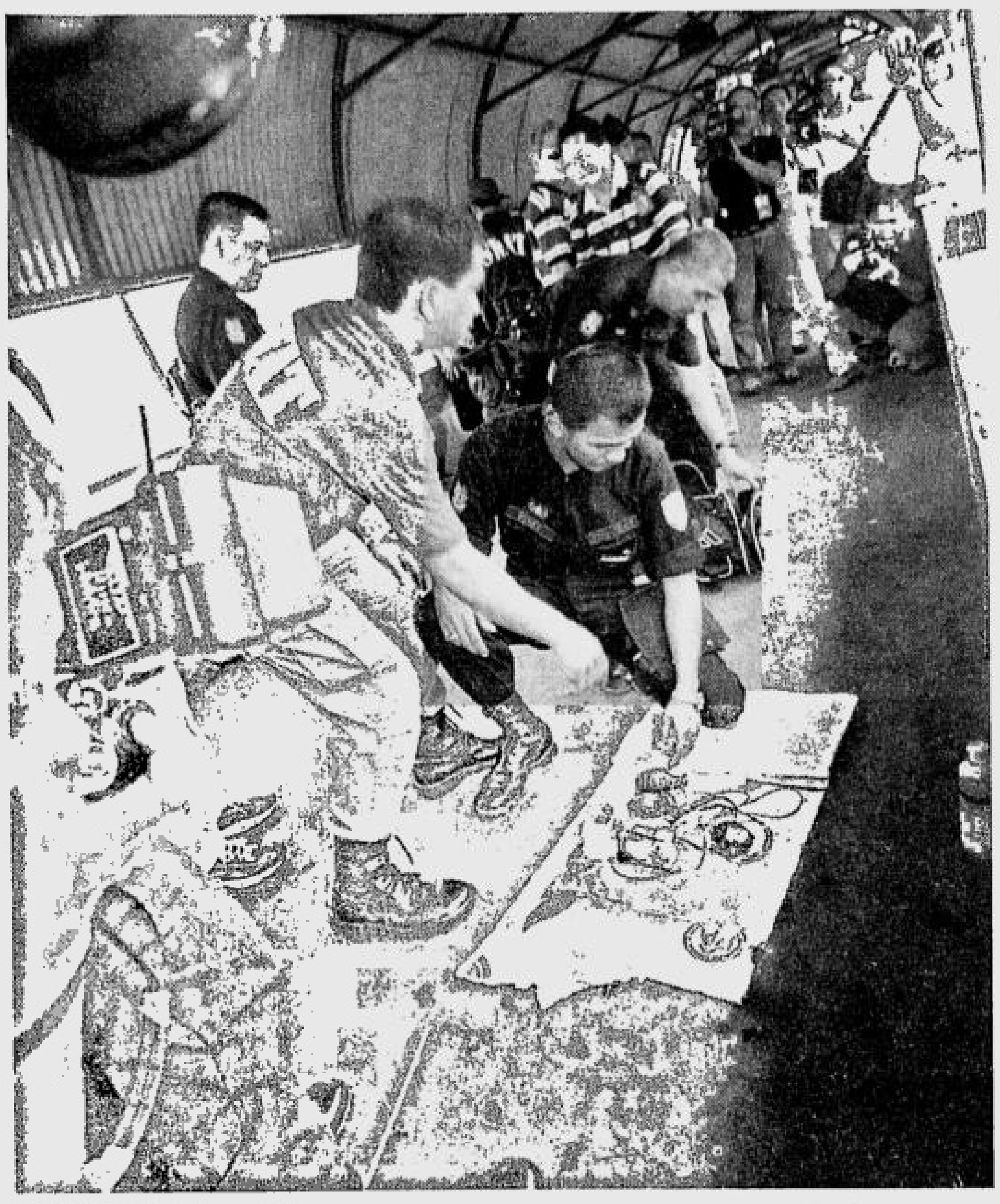

**THE SUM** of the bits and pieces of another bomb found on Saturday at the Pasay overpass along Edsa. ERIK ARAZAS

# 2 more explosive devices defused . . .

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dia sketches of two men who earlier left bomb packages inside a jeepney in Caloocan City and at a Metro Rail Transit station in Mandaluyong City.

In Malacañang, presidential spokesperson Rigoberto Tiglao said the bomb scare was "a desperate move by some tiny group trying to disturb the political situation again."

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez had said the hitherto unknown Indigenous People's Federal Army appeared to have no connection with foreign terrorist organizations such as Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

In statements inserted in the bomb packages, the group called for a switch from the current republican form of government to a federal system with separate governments for tribal peoples, Muslims and Christian Filipinos.

### Bomb packages

Investigators of the Southern Police District said an elderly woman found a bomb package around 9:25 a.m. Saturday on the pedestrian overpass on Edsa and Cabrera Street in Pasay City. The overpass is adjacent to two provincial bus terminals.

The package wrapped in a brown envelope contained two grenades wired to a small battery, green powder and a manifesto of the Indigenous People's Federal Army.

PO2 John Ramirez said an unidentified caller alerted the Makati police around 10 p.m. Friday to a bomb package left on the sidewalk leading to the pedestrian overpass on Edsa and Estrella Street.

Ramirez said the device consisted of two hand grenades and a digital quartz clock with a soda can full of blue powder.

The device was placed beside a plastic bag containing 46 live M-16 bullets with a computerized printout of a statement issued by the Ipfa and addressed to the government.

Aglipay said in a television interview that police would step up patrols in Metro Manila as investigators pursued leads on the group responsible for the bomb scares.

"We are zeroing in on three groups," Aglipay said but declined to identify them.

Senior Supt. Leonardo Espina, Philippine National Police spokesperson, said that starting Monday, the NCRPO would be deploying "secret marshals" in Metro Manila.

Espina said the fielding of undercover agents was part of the PNP's 75-day alert that starts on March 25.

Each of the five police districts in the metropolis has its own secret marshals.

### More time

Espina also asked the public to give the police more time to identify and arrest the members of the group behind the bomb scare.

"You should give us more time to arrest the perpetrators. This isn't an easy case to solve. Blaming anybody would be unfair if the investigation has not been concluded," he said.

Espina pointed out that authorities were only able to solve the Dec. 30, 2000 bombings in Metro Manila when suspected Indonesian terrorist Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi was arrested in January this year.

For his part, Tiglao appealed to the governments of Great Britain and Taiwan to "understand that so far the bombs are intended only for some crackpot impact."

The two countries have issued travel advisories telling their nationals to exercise caution while in the Philippines.

Reports also said that the United States and Japan would follow suit.

"We don't think that they (bombs) are really a threat to the security and safety of tourists," Tiglao said.

He also dismissed speculation that certain quarters in the government might be responsible for the bomb scare to justify the imposition of draconian measures, like martial law. ***Reports from Alcuin Papa, Carlito Pablo, TJ Burgonio, AP and Reuters***

# Xavier graduates . . .

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QUIRER after the school's graduation rites on Friday, his *'barong'* sagging from the weight of 13 medals on his chest.

### Reality check

Honor student Casey Wilson Go Lim, who also got 13 medals, agreed that the decision to skip the lavish celebration served as a much needed reality check for them.

"What's one night of partying compared with four years of education?" said Casey.

He said the scheme was timely considering the economic crunch.

He said that even in a school like Xavier, which has predominantly upper-class, Chinese-Filipino students, he has been hearing lately many stories about pupils not being able to enroll in the following grade due to financial difficulties.

Timothy Jason Cruz Simeon, who also had 13 medals, recalled that one fifth grader, fearing he could no longer continue his studies because "his daddy's business went bankrupt," sent letters to his teachers asking them to "pray so he would still be here at Xavier next school year."

A graduation party at Xavier would have meant lots of food, music, live bands and guest celebrity performers.

But for Timothy, "celebrating our graduation through a big dinner at home with our families may be enough."

### One lost sheep

For Timothy, the gesture being conveyed by his batch is no different from a parable by Jesus Christ.

"It's like going out to look for one lost sheep and be willing to leave the other 99 for a while," Timothy said.

Walther, Casey and Timothy were named this year's Xavier Awardees not only for their excellent academic performance but also for exuding Xavier's ideals of "passion for justice, deep sense of faith and outstanding spirit of generosity."

Art Dy, president of the Xavier School Parents Auxiliary, said the parents of Class 2002 agreed to have a scholarship fund in February.

During the school's 45th anniversary celebration on Feb. 9, the parents made a "sponsorship pledge" before Xavier director Fr. Johnny Go and the school's founder Fr. Jean Desautels.

After the Graduation Mass on Friday, the parents' group formally turned over to the XS Educational and Trust Fund a check worth P100,000 as the "initial" tranche of their pledge, Dy said.

"We thank God for the gift of Xavier education, and we now want to share this gift for the less fortunate but deserving classmate of our children," Dy said.

The recipient of the scholarship has yet to be chosen, but Dy is confident that that the initial P100,000 will easily cover the scholar's needs in his first year in Xavier high school at the very least.

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# NANALO NG JACKPOT SA LOTTO

## Ginupit lang ang Ads ng Lucky Pyramid sa Daily Inquirer

**NOTE: TO LOTTO JACKPOT WINNERS W/ PYRAMID OR WISHING PLANT OR PAMPAYAMAN NA PAPEL PLS. GO TO JC HERBAL ANOS, LOS BAÑOS FOR INTERVIEW (MAGANDANG GABI BAYAN CHANNEL 2)**

*Si Adrian Ounchangco ( hindi tunay na pangalan)... ginupit ang ads sa Inquirer at tumaya sa lotto naka-jackpot siya at nagbalato siya sa akin at sa iba pang customers ko sa parlor, naikuwento at inilagay ko sa wallet - HERMY SANTOS ng Plaridel Bulacan.*

## BALITANG SUWERTE

Feb. 27 2002

Ako'y nagpapasalamat sa Lucky Pyramid na nabili ko at ipinagkaloob sa akin ni Engr. Centeno dahil tumama po ako sa 4 digit ng 3 numero taya ko P20.00 lang panalo ako ng P1,600.00 ibinili ng gas ipinuhunan sa lutong ulam, ibinayad sa tubig at balato sa kaibigan P100.

Ako po ay nagtitinda ng dyaryo sa Phase 9Phg5 Block 55 Lot 39 Bagong Silang Caloocan City.

MARITES QUINTO SANCHES

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March 3, 2002

Engr.

Salamat sa Lucky pyramid na White, muntik na kaming nakapag abroad kung hindi lang pinabagsak yung tower sa U.S. pero ang kapalit pala, nagkanegosyo kami ng misis ko, bigasan nakaka P30,000 kami araw-araw. Maraming salamat talaga! at talagang totoo yung Lucky Pyramid

NEL
United San Pedro Laguna
0917-4888300

March 12, 2002

Hindi naniniwala ang asawa ko sa mga paswerteng gimik, pero minsan, ginupit lang nya ang Ad sa Dyaryo tumama na siya ng P20,000 sa lotto nang December 2001!

Dating UP student
Tel: 02-935-5557•09178445035
26A Butler St.,North Fairview, Q.C

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March 14, 2002

Thank you sa JC Herbal, Bumili ako ng Pyramid after 3 days gumanda ang negosyo ko, kumita ako ng P50,000

0919-3239840

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March 15, 2002

Bumili ako ng Lucky Pyramid last Sunday, nanalo ako ng ending (1-5) P700 at 4 Digit (8955) P800

Salamat sa lahat at sa darating na swerte

R. Vilanueva
Mkt. City 752-3716

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March 15, 2002

Kaibigan ng kapatid ko sa Okinawa, Japan laging nanalo sa bingo at Casino, meron silang Lucky Pyramid ni Engr. Centeno

MA. THERESA CARPENA
Cabuyao

Di ako naniniwala sa pampayaman na papel, nabasa ko ng umaga sa dyaryo. Tumama ako sa Lotto ng hapon, Tumama ng na gabi 5 Digit sa 6/4 P20,000

EDWIN ALVAREZ
0917-48102402-San Pablo City

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March 16, 2002

NANALO SA RAFFLE ng Christmas Party sa Pasig City Hall. Grand Prize VCD (aiwa)

Ginupit ko lang ang logo nila sa Phil. Daily Inquirer.

RUBY VILLAVICENCIO
0917-48102402

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March 16, 2002

NAPUPULOT NA LANG ANG PERA NGAYON! Ginupit ko lang po ito sa dyaryo tapos inipit ko sa Lucky Pyramid nakapulot ako ng P500,00

Baby Barba
Brgy. Mayatba Siniloan, Lag.

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March 16, 2002

1 Week lang nagka-TRABAHO.

Bumili ako ng "REDWOOD PYRAMID" nagkaroon ako ng trabaho after 1 week.

JAYSON N.
-Graduate of BSCE at Adamson Univ.

March 18, 2002

After 3 days nanalo ako sa Bingo P10,000 pagkabili ng Redwood Pyramid.

Merong nanalo na taga Hagonoy Bulacan dalawang beses sya tumama sa Lotto. Nagbigay sya ng tulong sa kababayan nating mahirap.

MARIE CLAIRE BONDOC
Sto. Niño Plaridel Bulacan
0919-4795265

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March 18, 2002

Congrats!!!

Marlyn ng Tayuman NANALO ng P21,000 sa Ending sa Basketball (Tip ng JC Herbal 0-5) BALATO: P500

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March 18, 2002

Yung pinsan ko nabigyan ng pink na papel hindi na natatalo sa sabong-nagpatayo ng bahay

MALOU - Lipa Batangas

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March 19, 2002

Ginupit ko lang ang Lucky Pyramid sa Bulgar Inipit ko sa wallet nanalo ako ng SARI-SARI STORE sa promo ng Ariel c/0 Ms. Loren Legarda.

FE C. MARTINEZ
Blk. 11 Lt.37 Alfonso Vill. Alapan I-B imus Cavite - 0917-9293943

## BALITANG SAYANG

**TIP ni Engr. CENTENO HINDI NATAYAAN DAPAT NANALO SA LOTTO P79 MILLION: 10 OCT. 2001**

"Sayang hindi ko natayaan yung number panalo sana **P79,000,000.00** sa Super Lotto.

-Nanghihinayang,
ROZAIDA BANDA
# 16 Peacock Bend St., Bay breeze Subd. Taguig Metro Manila

March 19, 2002

kapitbahay namin nanalo sa Lotto worth P12,000.000,00 Jackpot bumili ng Pyramid

Tel: 434-3623
GNG. MYRNA CRUZ
San Pedro Pfo. Princesa City

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March 19, 2002

NANALO SA SABONG GINUPIT LANG SA ABANTE:

Ginupit lang sa Dyaryo nanalo sa sabong ng P5.000, 1,000 lang pera nya

EDUARDO TORDECILLA
0919-4641404
Alangila, Bats.

Dapat nanalo ako ng P43M noong Marso 15, 2002 sa Mega Lotto ngunit hindi ko po natayaan, binigay po yung tip ni Engr. Centeno ng JC Hebal 7-18-11-23-31-36

*P200 PAMPAYAMANG PAPEL

BETH MARTINEZ
Marikina City

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March 12, 2002

Iyong no. po na binigay ni Engr. Centeno dapat nanalo kaso hindi ko natayaan nang mother ko sa Singapore. Sayang Jackpot sana.

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March 18, 2002

Dapat nanalo ako ng Jueteng 4 days ko lang tinayaan (36/31) kinabukasan lumabas di ko natayaan (5th day) Dapat nanalo ako ng P32,000.00

ENGR. CENTENO
Los Baños

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March 19, 2002

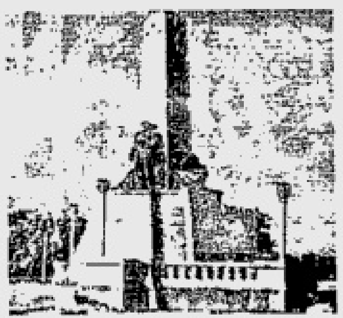
**DAPAT NANALO NG P100,000 JACKPOT DI NATAYAAN ANG CIRCLE 8 TIP NG JC HERBAL:**

Si Mrs. Isidra Manguerra ng Sta. Rosa, Laguna ay nanalo sana ng P100,000 Jackpot sa Bingo, Hindi niya lang natayaan.

MERCY BAUAN
Dita Sta. Rosa, Laguna

# MERON NG SOLUTION SA GRAFT & CORRUPTION AT JUETENG!

Balitang Positibo Upang Tayo'y Umasenso



### NAGKA-P50 MILLION at NAGKA-BAHAY (P500,000!)

Bumili ako ng maliit lang na Pyramid tuloy-tuloy ang benta ko sa Jardine Land.

Nag-top ako, Umabot ako sa P50M.

In one year marami akong AWARD na natanggap.

Syempre kasama ang dasal. Nagpa-aral ko ang mga anak ko sa College.

-Lynna

### GINUPIT LANG SA FINDERS

Dec. 25, 2001

Since I started to cut the ads from the newspaper I inserted it from my checkbook, never I ever encountered hardly in funding all the checks I issued. My business prosper & I was able to go out frequently outside the country. I don't have yet a Pyramid & Wishing Plant but all the blessings comes very often.

Note:For 1 month I can sell 1MILLION

From: LYN N. Cubao, Q.C

**P1.4 M Jackpot**
sa ON-LINE BINGO
Filipino, Napanalunan ng
21 taon na estudyante.
Bumili siya ng White Lucky
Pyramid Bert Enriquez,
wagka namang magtago,
balatuhan mo naman ang
iyong mga kaibigan.
NAKABILI NG STAREX.

### MGA NANALO SA JUETENG!

- 3 beses nanalo ng P32,000 si aling Tina ng Taguig, pagkabili ng Lucky Pyramid at wishing Plant.

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- 7 beses nanalo sa loob ng isang buwan, pagkabili ng Red Lucky Pyramid. Pinakamataas- P16,000, pinakamababa- P1,200- Al Salaguinto ng Montalban

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- Nanalo ng P80,000 sa Jueteng (19-33) pagkabili ng 2 White pyramid w/ face of jesus- Jose Estrada ng Manila.

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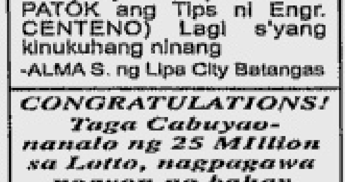
- 2 beses nanalo ng P18,000 sa jueteng pagkabili ng White Pyramid w/ face of Jesus- Marilyn ng Bucal, Calamba



3/Jan/2001

8 beses Nanalo sa JUETENG sa loob ng isang Buwan pagkabili ng GOLD Lucky Pyramid. (PATOK na PATOK ang Tips ni Engr. CENTENO) Lagi s'yang kinukuhang ninang

-ALMA S. ng Lipa City Batangas

*CONGRATULATIONS!*
*Taga Cabuyao-nanalo ng 25 Million sa Lotto, nagpagawa ngayon ng bahay Worth 10 Million sa Mabuhay City*

**NANALO ng P100,000 JACKPOT sa BINGO** sa Waltermart, Calamba (Pinangtubos ng mga alahas at pinangtuition ng mga anak) BALATO; 0 (Nakabili ng Black Pyramid P300 sa JC Herbal )

Ako po si Angie taga Sta. Cruz, Nanalo ako ng P100,000 sa Walter Mart noong Jan 21. Binayad sa tuition ng anak ko.

-Angie
Nagmano Kay Engr. CENTENO

## BALITANG SUWERTE

# PAMPA TRABAHO

# AT PAMPA-ABROAD PA!

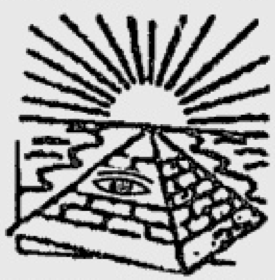
*BIYAYA SA NANINIWALA SA PILOSOPO WALA*

**TRABAHO ANG LUMAPIT**

OCT. 20, 2001

After 3 days mula ng bumili ako ng Pyramid, nakahanap ako ng trabaho Thank you sa Pyramid and to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gina of Lipa



*ENJOY GOD'S MIRACLES*

LABANAN ang KAHIRAPAN
LABANAN ang SUGAL

**PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my Ideal,You who give the divine gift to forgive & forget the wrong that is done to me & who, In all instances of my life, is with me. I, in this dialogue, want to thank you for everything & confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You & may love ones in your perpetual Glory. **Amen**

**WALA KA BANG TRABAHO?**
**WALA RING PERA?**
**Gusto mong magka-trabaho at magkapera?**
**Makakatulong ako sa iyo.**

**BAWAL NA MAGTIPID AT MAGBADYET**
**NAIMBENTO NA ANG PAMPAYAMAN**
**Hindi anting-anting o magic**
**Yung walang pera, nagkakapera**
**Yung walang trabaho nagkakatrabaho**
**Yung hindi nananalo. laging nananalo**
**Sa BINGO, LOTTO, RAFFLE at iba pa.**

Nakapag-ABROAD na sa TAIWAN, 2 BESES pa NANALO sa CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ang kapatid na may GOLD PYRAMID (PRIZES: APPLIANCES & 50,000 TAIWAN DOLLAR)

## GAMOT SA SAKIT SA BULSA "NAIMBENTO NA"

ENJOY GODS MIRACLES

*ENJOY GODS MIRACLES*

# LUCKY PYRAMID

## PARA HINDI NAUUBUSAN NG PERA

### BIGLANG YAMAN DUMARAMI DAHIL SA PYRAMID

**Mabibili rin: WISHING PLANT (PAMPAUNLAD NG BUHAY)**

*Gumamit ng Pampa- YAMAN*
*"Gamot sa sakit sa Bulsa."*
*Hindi kayo mauubusan ng PERA.*
*Talagang Totoo Lalong Gumagastos, lalong dumarating ang PERA. Walang Mawawala kung susubukan.*
*YAYAMAN KA LANG*

*CONGRATULATIONS!*
***Ms. MYRNA, empleyado ng House of Congress, ginupit ang ads sa diaryo, bumili ng Wishing Plant at nanalo ng P24 Million JACKPOT sa***

**Engr. MARGIE D. CENTENO**
Young inventor of the Year 1990
one of the 10 Most Outstanding Inventor 1993

**Pampa-TRABAHO**
**Pampa-ABROAD**
**Panlaban sa SUGAL**
**para laging PANALO SA LOTTO, JAI ALAI, BINGO, ENDING, SWEEPTAKES atbp.**

***"PAGMABILIS KANG BUMILI MABILIS KANG MANALO"***

# LUCKY PYRAMID

## GAMOT SA SAKIT SA BULSA

PARA HINDI NA MAUBUSAN NG PERA

**Goodluck sa Negosyo, trabaho, Pag-ibig, Swerte sa LOTTO, Bingo, Atbp.**

Bumili ako ng Lucky Pyramid noong January 10. After 1 week, nanalo ako ng P60,000 sa "laban o Bawi" noong Jan. 19 2002. Lagi akong nananalo sa Bingo, NOTE: Nakagaan sa problema ko ito at darating ang VISA ko sa next week- Jaime Villamor ng Angat, Bulacan

**BALITANG TAGUMPAY!**

### TRABAHO ANG KUSANG LUMAPIT

Feb. 7, 2002

Hindi na kami naghihirap ngayon simula ng ginupit ko ang Ads ng Lucky Pyramid sa FINDERS. Trabaho ang lumapit sa mister ko. TALAGANG NANINIWALA na ako. Thank you Lord Jesus Christ at sa Lucky Pyramid ni Engr. Centeno.

Jenelyn Deloyola
San Antonio Los Baños Laguna

### P3.00 NAGING P1,600

Feb. 3, 2002

Nanalo po ako sa jueteng ng magbigay sa akin ng puting papel na Balitang Swerte. Ang 3.00 piso ko naging P1,600

Violeta Tamban
Los Baños Laguna

*Meron ng Solusyon sa Graft & Corruption*

**Sagot sa Kahirapan....**

**Goodluck sa Negosyo, trabaho, Pag-ibig, Swerte sa LOTTO, Bingo, Atbp.**

# LUCKY PYRAMID &Wishing Plant

(pampa-UNLAD NG BUHAY)

ENJOY
GOD'S
MIRACLES

"Kapag mabilis kang bumili, mabilis ring Manalo at Swertehin" Engr. Centeno

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**Res. (049) 537-8105 Look for Engr.Margie Centeno.**
WALA NA PO TAYONG EXHIBITS SA METRO MANILA DITO PO LAMANG MAKAKABILI SA JC HERBAL, (MAIN) Los Baños.
**E-mail: lucky_pyramid@yahoo.com**

*CONGRATULATIONS!*
4 na Domestic Helpers nanalo ng Jackpot sa Lotto / Mark 6 sa Hongkong. Nakabili kay Engr. MARGIE ng Lucky Pyramid w/face of Jesus Christ. Nagbalita L.A. ng Sta. Rita, San Antonio Los Baños Laguna

*Thank you very much sa balato na P1,000-, nanalo ng karera sa Hongkong- Marilyn S. dela Cruz.*
*Engr. Magie Centeno*

**Engr. MARGIE D. CENTENO**
Young inventor of the Year 1990
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***Cut & Bring this AD for your FREE LOTTO & BINGO (CIRCLE 8) Tips.***
***Gupitin at ipit sa Check Book, Bank Book o Wallet***

## HERBAL

**EFFECTIVE ANG PAMPA-TALINO**

Bumili ako ng "JC Miracle Oil" naipasa ko ang exam at interview sa mga company.

JAYSON N.

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Bumili ako ng 'SUPER EYE VISSION" nawala ang pananakit ng aking mata.

JAYSON N.

**Now Available: pampa-YAMAN na papel ONLY P200 1 SET**

**PAPEL PA LAMANG YUMAYAMAN NA** ang mga tao ano pa kaya kung may Pyramid na kayo at wishing plant.

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE... LIMITED STOCKS ONLY**

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Glicerio Lazaro bumili ng papel na pampa-YAMAN tumama ng 4,000 sa Jueteng, March 9 sa loob lang ng 6 na araw. 15 A. Victorino St. Santolan Pasig

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March 18, 2002

Maraming salamat po kay Engr. Centeno dahil bumili ako ng pampa-YAMAN na papel, pagkatapos ng dalawang lingo nanalo po ako sa ending 1-5 last March '18, 2002

RICKY ARLAN
Burol Tejero Cond. Rosario Cavite

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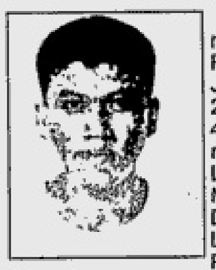
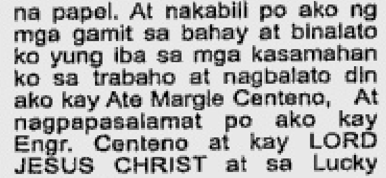


Bumili po ako ng Gold Pyramid last January 5, 2002. Ako po'y 4 na beses nanalo sa Lotto sa may Masagana Dept. Store ( Libertad, Pasay City) Napanalunan; P2,500 + P2,000 + P1,500 at nanalo din po ako ng 4 digits sa Lotto (7180) P94, 618.00. Binalot iko po sa dilaw na papel. At nakabili po ako ng mga gamit sa bahay at binalato ko yung iba sa mga kasamahan ko sa trabaho at nagbalato din ako kay Ate Margie Centeno, At nagpapasalamat po ako kay Engr. Centeno at kay LORD JESUS CHRIST at sa Lucky Pyra,mid-

**BERNARDO I. LICAROS 0919-6991798**



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Oct 27, 2001

NANALO po sa LOTTO taga-PALAWAN siya po ang nagbalita sa aking parent dahil sa PYRAMID na nabili nya sa Los Baños. Kaya kami rin ay nagsusumikap na makabili rin ng PYRAMID para makabayad kami na aming pagkakautang siya raw ay gumanda ang Business dahil sa Pyramid.

Blk. 10 Lt. 19 Banaba St.,Imus Cavite - Cel. 0919-8253222

## PAL Interclub on IBC-13

GOLF Power today features the final segment of the two-part television special on the highlights of the 55th Philippine Airlines Inter-Club Golf Tournament held recently in Bacolod City. Golf Power, now on its seventh year, is aired every Sunday, 3 p.m., on IBC-13. It is hosted by golf professional Gerard Cantada and produced by Joe Cantada Sports. Philippine Airlines, Absolute, Pagcor and Outback Steakhouse sponsor this week's golf program.

# *Sunday* SPORTS

*Editor* **Al S. Mendoza** ◉ *Assistant Editor* **Edwin M. Villanueva**

## Oregon, Connecticut move up

NEW YORK—Freddie Jones' layup with 2.8 seconds left–just his second basket of the night–gave the No. 2-seeded Oregon Ducks a 72-70 victory Friday over Texas, which trailed by as many as 13 points. Another second-seeded team, Connecticut, moved into the final eight by stopping 11th-seeded Southern Illinois' run of upsets, beating the Salukis, 71-59, in the East Regional.

## P1-M Philracom Cup slated at Santa Ana

THE ROAD to this year's coveted Triple Crown Championships officially begins today at the Santa Ana Park as eight 3-year-olds vie for the P1-Million Philippine Racing Commission Chairman's Cup, the climax event of the Philracom's two-week Anniversary Racing Festival.

2001 Juvenile champion Golden Ballet and Mighty Strong head the stellar field of challengers for the 1,600-meter race, an event that is being held in honor of former Philracom chair Antonio M. Lagdameo, who served from 1994 to 1998.

"The running of this much-awaited race serves as a fitting highlight to the Philracom's 28th anniversary celebration as it will provide racing fans with a sneak preview of the Triple Crown series and the possible emergence of a solid favorite for the coveted championships," said Philracom chair Andrew A. Sanchez.

Unbeaten filly Golden Ballet, acclaimed as the most accomplished 2-year-old galloper last year with an unblemished track record of seven wins, looms as the early favorite.

The multiple stakes winning daughter of stallion Treasure Cay (USA) out of Likeable Style is fresh off a rousing comeback three weeks ago at the San Lazaro Hippodrome and will be partnered anew by jockey Jonathan B. Hernandez in only her second start as a 3-year-old.

Preceding the event is the P350,000 Philracom Hopeful Stakes Race, similarly restricted to locally bred 3-year-old gallopers.

Eight up-and-coming sophomore runners will be competing in the 1,600-meter event led by currently streaking Free Wind to be ridden by jockey Valentin R. Dilema.

Others in contention for the said race include Rosewood, Art of Rose, Easy Rider, Halo Effect, Security Risk, Tigra and Prince Valiant, set to be mounted by jockey Dominador H. Borbe Jr., Manolito F. Daquis, Jonathan B. Hernandez, Jeffeil B. Bacaycay, Fernando M. Raquel Jr., JM Ladina and Patricio R. Dilema, respectively.

## P80M for Gapo hardcourt

**By Roy Luarca**

THE OLONGAPO City government will build a 7,000-seater, P80-million sports complex within the year to serve as the homecourt of the Olongapo Volunteers, the Metropolitan Basketball Association's newest member.

Olongapo City Mayor Kate Gordon made this announcement on Friday during the formal introduction of the Volunteers to the media and the people of Olongapo at the Olongapo Convention Center, which will serve as the Volunteers' homecourt while the sports complex is under construction.

Mayor Gordon, who was assisted by her husband, Tourism Secretary Dick Gordon, in putting up the team, said they decided to use the monicker Volunteers because the people of Olongapo volunteered to preserve the treasure left by the Americans when the American naval base was returned to the Philippines.

## Moore triple lifts FedEx over Gin

**GAMES TODAY**: (Araneta Coliseum)
4p.m.—Sta. Lucia vs Coca-Cola
6p.m.—Purefoods vs Hapee-RP

ANTIPOLO CITY—Tim Moore delivered a triple in the last five seconds to lift Federal Express past Barangay Ginebra, 79-78, yesterday in the PBA Samsung Governors Cup at the Ynares Center here.

In the second game, Talk N Text clobbered Selecta-RP Team, 83-76, to register its fifth straight win and move at solo second with a 5-1 card. Selecta-RP fell to 2-6.

**INJURED**

**Sixer Allen Iverson (right) trying to block Celtic Kenny Anderson during their game yesterday. The Sixers won, 96-91, even as Iverson broke his hand and will need 4-6 weeks to recover. Other results: Indiana 104, Miami 94; Toronto 94, Cleveland 80; Charlotte 106, Orlando 92; New Jersey 108, Milwaukee 84; Portland 109, Chicago 93; Seattle 112, Houston 82; L.A. Lakers 94, Detroit 82.** AP

## Manila Games draws support from PSC, others

THE 1ST Manila Youth Games slated April 7-14 at the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex continues to gain support from both the government and private sectors.

Philippine Sports Commission Chair Eric Buhain recently released P550,000 to the organizing Manila Sports Council and has assured free use of sports facilities. WG&A Super Ferry and Smart Communications have also pledged support to the week-long event.

Masco chief Ali Atienza, son of Mayor Lito Atienza, said that WG&A Super Ferry will give tickets that will be raffled off to the public during the event, while Smart Communications will provide communication equipment for the organiziers to ensure the success of the Manila Youth Games.

"We are very grateful to the PSC and the two private firms for their support to the City of Manila's grassroots sports development program," said Mayor Lito Atienza.

## SPORTSWATCH

### Paeng perfect game

KUALA LUMPUR—Four-time World Cup champion Paeng Nepomuceno rolled his first perfect game this millennium in the Malaysian International Open Bowling Championships held at the Pyramid Mega Lanes here. Making the 300 game turned out to be a battle between world champions. Both World Games champion Tomas Leandersson of Sweden and Paeng had already rolled 11 strikes in a row in the same game and only needed one more for the perfecto.

### Mickelson 1 behind

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida—Carl Paulson fired a second 69 yesterday to lead Phil Mickelson by one in The Players Championship. Mickelson shot 64-65 for 139 in a tie with Craig Perks (68). Tiger Woods had a 72 and was at 1-under 143. "Anything under par, you're going to be moving up," Woods said.

## RACING TIPS

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Race 4—1. Free Wind 2. Prince Valiant 3. Security Risk 4. Halo Effect 5. Art of Rose
Race 5—1. Top Dancer 2. C'est Magnifique 3. Michael's Way 4. Winning Prize
Race 6—1. Diamond Buck 2. Norma's Pet 3. Silver Print 4. Cycloneferros 5. Impeccable
Race 7—1. Golden Ballet 2. Unbreakable 3. Mighty Strong 4. Magical Mark 5. What A Spell
Race 8—1. Simply Great 2. Despedida
Race 9—1. Kay Gee Em Ey/Empowered 2. Cool Under Fire 3. Big Kahuna 4. Day and Night
Race 10—1. Hope 2. Eyewitness 3. Señor Perior 4. Overland 5. Hello Paul
Race 11—1. Noble House 2. Secret Currency 3. Renegade
Race 12—1. Ilocandia Slew 2. Kiwi Rose 3. The Fox 4. Gemstone 5. Sky Hawk
Race 13—1. Precious Stone 2. Turbo Carera 3. Knows Love 4. Ticket to Fame 4. Sunny View
Race 14—1. Race for Gold 2. Native Talent 3. Real Material 4. Noah's Arc 5. Golden Disc 6. Isabel's Gossip

## Roddick falls; Agassi advances

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida – Argentine Juan Ignacio Chela upset Andy Roddick yesterday, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, in the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Serena Williams also won, beating Lilia Osterloh, 7-5, 6-1. Martina Hingis also advanced past Janet Lee, 6-1, 6-0.

Defending champion Andre Agassi defeated Greg Rusedski, 6-3, 6-1. No. 3 Yevgeny Kafelnikov and No. 7 Sebastien Grosjean also won. *AP*

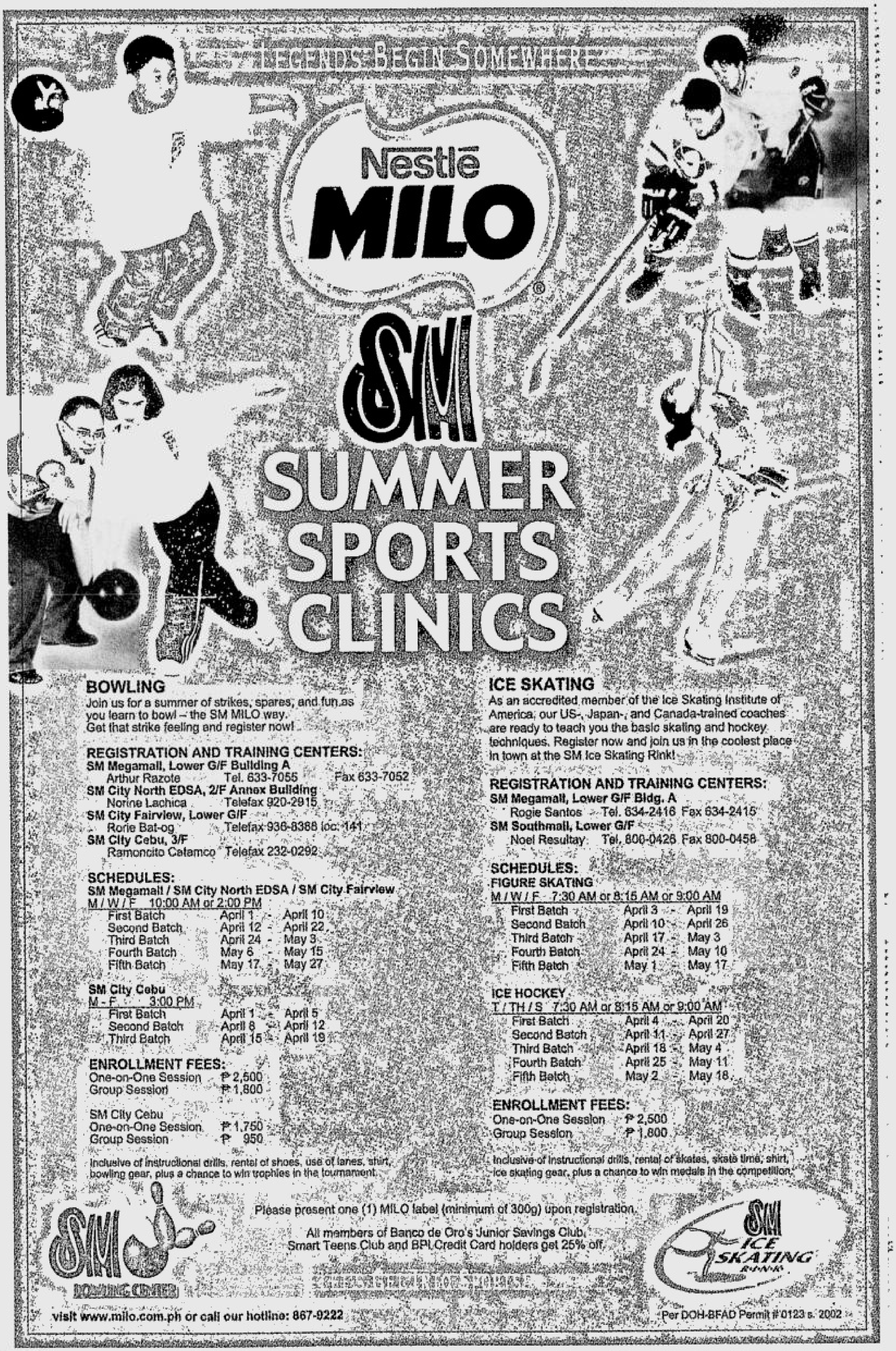
## Speedfest Kart races roar off

KAPAMPANGANS play host to the 2002 Speedfest Kart series today at Robinson's in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The event, organized by the MP Turbo Motorsports Club, is a special sideshow of Auto Madness 2002, an auto trade display jointly presented by the Laus Group of Companies, BPI Family Bank and Robinsons Starmills, San Fernando, Pampanga.

"Once perceived as an elitist endeavor, motorsports has now captured the interest and adulation of people from all walks of life," said MP Turbo president Mike Potenciano.

Sessions begin at 8 a.m.



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| Fifth Batch | May 17 | - | May 27 |

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| Fourth Batch | April 24 | - | May 10 |
| Fifth Batch | May 1 | - | May 17 |

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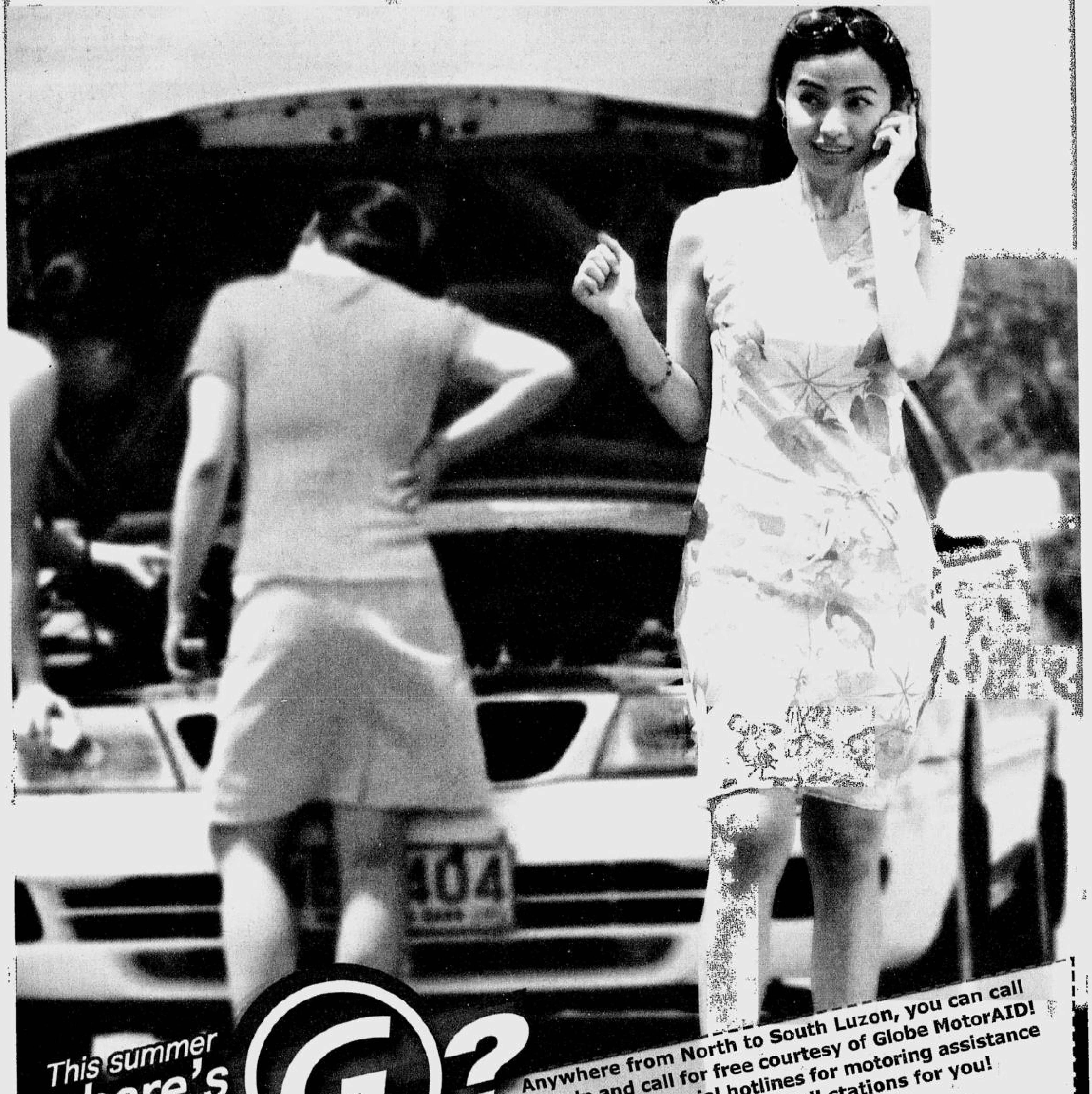

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# 'Tinapa,' 'barako' ready for the world

**By Joven S. Joya**
*Contributor*

DURING Sunday Mass, priests in Cavite parishes urge their flock to buy and use Cavite products only.

Cavite Gov. Ayong S. Maliksi is

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CAVITE BREW

**BREWING for the big time is Cavite's 'kapeng barako,' shown by Mayor OJ Ambagan Jr., 24, of coffee-producing Amadeo town.** ERIK ARAZAS

## POWER PRICE HIKE

# 'Poor will suffer most'

**By Agnes E. Donato**

**POOR and middle-income consumers will be the ones hardest hit if the Manila Electric Company (Meralco) gets what it wants — an increase in its basic charge of as much as P3.97 per kilowatt hour, according to Bayan Muna.**

"The effects of the rate hike on the economy will be enormous," said Bayan Muna Rep. Crispin Beltran. "Residents consuming an average of 51 to 300 kilowatts per month will be the most affected."

Beltran yesterday explained that under the new scheme, a family of five consuming an average of 117 kilowatts a month would have to pay at least P862.14, instead of the P672 based on current basic charges.

He said this sector is comprised of 2.24 million customers, or 68.33 percent of all Meralco consumers in Metro Manila and Meralco franchise areas in Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog.

He claimed that once the power rates are adjusted, ordinary residents will be paying 116 percent more than they do now under the current rates, while the electric bill of small entrepreneurs in the industrial sector will go up by 203.5 percent.

Owners of medium enterprises, who now pay P1.96/kwh based on current charges, will have to pay P6.78/kwh once the adjustments are made.

This increase translates to an additional 245.92 percent, or P4.82/kwh, Beltran said.

He said that with the increase, government hospitals will be deprived of the heavy subsidy they are now enjoying under the cur-

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# What RP cities can learn from Shanghai

**By Jerome Aning**

COMPLETE support from the central government and minimal interference in local affairs.

These made the Chinese city of Shanghai great, according to Metro Manila mayors when they visited the city last week.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza last week said he almost failed to recognize Shanghai, China's most modern city, which he last visited only six years ago.

A member of the official delegation to Shanghai, Atienza said he remembered seeing six year ago an open subdivision in the city. Now, it is a bustling "mini-Manhattan."

The Metro Manila mayors were also struck by the transformation of Shanghai's once-murky Huang Ho River into a vast, well-lit entertainment area, teeming with foreigners and locals.

Atienza said total support from the central government in Beijing and Shanghai's decentralized local government were the key to the quick, almost "magical" development of the Chinese city.

"The central government gave Shanghai authorities a free hand to manage the affairs of their city," the mayor said. "In Shanghai, you only have to talk to the mayor, not to any national official, if you want to build or invest."

He said funds from Beijing and locally generated revenues gave Shanghai a whopping 125-billion yuan budget (equivalent to more than a trillion pesos) to fund its growth as a premier city in East Asia.

He said Philippine cities also have the chance to chart their own development if the provisions of the 1991 Local Government Code are fully and faithfully implemented.

He said the national government has either been slow or reluctant in devolving "development functions."

"What are being devolved to local government units are burdens such as health, social welfare and housing," he said. "Why not national patrimony and land use?"

In the past, Atienza locked horns with government agencies over the use of prime government property in the city.

For months, he squabbled with Environment Secretary Heherson Alvarez and the National Historical Institute over the city government's plan to build a school on a park classified as historical.

Atienza also ordered city lawyers to find out how to recover the city's "crown jewels"—Manila property taken over by the national government nearly three decades ago. Among these are the Manila North and South Harbors, Intramuros and Rizal Park. Atienza said he is fast-tracking the "Buhayin ang Maynila" urban renewal program to restore the city's old glory.

# 6-year-old shoots playmate dead with neighbor's gun

**By Jerome Aning**

A 6-YEAR-OLD boy accidentally killed his 1-year-old playmate when a neighbor's improvised gun that the older boy was playing with went off and hit the younger boy in the head in Sta. Cruz, Manila on Friday, police said.

Edwin Jay Lazaro, the 1-year-old, a resident of Oroquieta Street, Sta. Cruz, was pronounced dead at the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, police said.

SPO2 Athos de Quiros of the Western Police District said a 17-year-old girl was watching over the two boys in a pedicab parked in front of a bakery on Oroquieta when carwash boy Tirso Villarin, 32, approached them about 3 p.m. Villarin showed the boys what he said was a plastic toy gun, police said.

While Villarin was talking to the girl, the 6-year-old grabbed the gun and began to play with it. He pointed it at his playmate's head and squeezed the trigger.

The gun, which was loaded with a cal. .22 bullet, fired.

Police arrested Villarin and the 6-year-old. Villarin was charged with homicide through reckless imprudence. The boy was turned over to the city's social welfare department.

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# Poor ...

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From the current basic charge of P1.74/kwh, the power rate for public hospitals will increase by 211.48 percent, or P5.42/kwh.

"And these computations do not, as of yet, include additional automatic charges, like the universal charge and other automatic levies under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act," Beltran warned.

# NBI 'agent' slain after killing WPD policeman

**By Jerome Aning**

A MAN said to be a civilian agent of the National Bureau of Investigation was shot dead by police after he gunned down a responding policeman in Pandacan, Manila before dawn yesterday, police said.

The man's companion, a female customs broker, was also shot dead, but police have not established who shot her, investigators said.

Police shot dead Cosain Bacaraman, 39, of Sampaloc and Quiapo, after he killed PO2 Ronald Allan Herrera of the Western Police District mobile patrol unit, investigators said.

Also killed was Bacaraman's companion, customs broker Ailyn Iguban, 35, of Biñan, Laguna, but who shot her has not been established, police said.

Bacaraman and Herrera were killed during a five-minute exchange of gunfire at about 12:15 a.m. along Zamora Street in Pandacan, police said.

Investigators led by SPO4 Norberto Obrero said PO3 Herrera and Insp. Jay Baybayan were on board mobile patrol 329 when they saw Bacaraman's green Honda CR-V, which had no license plates, cruising on Pedro Gil.

When they accosted Bacaraman, he pretended to take out his driver's license from his wallet but he instead drew a 9mm-pistol and fired, hitting PO2 Herrera in the left side of the chest and Inspector Baybayan in one arm, police said.

Bacaybay and the wounded Herrera fired back, hitting Bacaraman five times. SPO4 Obrero said Iguban was found slumped in the front seat with a gunshot wound in the left side of the chest which appeared to have been inflicted at close range.

# 'Tinapa,' 'barako' ready for the world

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more ambitious. He's moving heaven and earth to have *tinapa de Salinas* and Cavite coffee break into the world market. And he is confident he can do it this year.

Tinapa de Salinas is the famous smoked fish produced in the Cavite town of Rosario, more popularly known by its old name, Salinas. Tinapa is usually wrapped in clear plastic bags or in old newspapers and is sold everywhere, from supermarkets to streetside stalls.

Cavite coffee, which Maliksi and Cavite people choose to call Cavite Brew, is *kapeng-barako*, the famous coffee grown in abundance in the upland towns of the historic province, notably Amadeo and Silang.

Maliksi yesterday said there's a concerted effort in Cavite to push the two products in the international market. He said a California food firm has a standing demand for one container van, or four tons, of the Rosario-made smoked fish every week.

"When I challenged the private sector to help the Cavite industry, I didn't expect to receive such a tremendous response from the entrepreneurs, both big and small," Maliksi said.

Among the first to respond were Myra Gavino, president of the Cavite Exporters Association, and Alex Agoncillo, president of the Likhang-Kabitenyo Development Cooperative Foundation.

Gavino said, "There's no doubting the Rosario smoked fish can hold its own against the more expensive smoked salmon or herring of the US and Europe."

What needs to be done to pass the US requirements for food coming into that country "is to improve existing facilities for processing smoked fish in Rosario," she said. "With Gov. Maliksi's full assistance, we will soon set up a laboratory in the town that will exercise quality control over what we're going to export."

The Department of Social Welfare and Development led by Cavite DSWD Officer Ram Gamad, in cooperation with the provincial government, last Wednesday distributed capital assistance to 85 women of Rosario under a program called Tinapang Salinas Gawa ng Maliksing Kabitenya program.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, assisted by Maliksi, handed the cash assistance to the women at the Imus town plaza.

Gamad said the program beneficiaries are small *tinapa* makers who often rely on usurers for their daily capital. "Each got P3,000 payable over six months at P20 daily with no interest or collateral," Gamad explained.

The plan is for the small vendors to eventually help supply the export demand using the facilities in the export laboratory.

Maliksi secured the demand for four tons of *tinapa* when he recently visited the US on the invitation of the Cavitenos of Southern California. There, he gave away Salinas smoked fish, some of which somehow found their way to G.L. Food Wholesale Inc., a food importer and wholesaler in California.

"Right there and then," Maliksi related, "the firm placed an order for one container van of our smoked fish."

When coffee growers in the upland towns of Cavite were about to give up because of losses, Maliksi asked the Likhang-Kabitenyo Development Cooperative (LKDC) to help find ways of raising the income of the farmers.

The foundation and Mayor OJ Ambagan of Amadeo town, one of Cavite's two major growers of coffee, are distributing to individuals and organizations samples of Cavite Brew in experimental 50-gm cloth bags.

"The only way our farmers can profit from coffee production is for them to do its processing as well," said Maliksi. "That way, our coffee will have added value."

Beside Amadeo and Silang towns, the upland Tagaytay City and the towns of Mendez, Alfonso, Ternate, Indang, Magallanes and Gen. Aguinaldo (formerly Baylen) also produce coffee in commercial quantities.

So obsessed is the governor with promoting Cavite Brew that he has decreed that all employees of various offices and departments in the provincial capitol in Trece Martires City drink and serve only the home-grown *kapeng barako*.

"For us to successfully sell our very own products in the local and world markets, we have to be the first to patronize them," he said.

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- Our Lady of Fatima Church, Santa Ignacia, Tarlac
- St. John de Evagelist Parish Church, Guimba, Nueva Ecija
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- Annunciation of the Lord Parish, Bonuan, Dagupan City
- Bigte Parish Church, Norzagaray, Bulacan
- St. Joseph the Worker Parish Church, Bacnotan, La Union
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- San Juan Parish Church, San Juan, La Union
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- San Jose de Padua, Iriga City
- San Juan de Bautista Church, Tabaco City
- Saint Rose de Lima Church, Bacacay, Albay
- Holy Trinity Church, Ragay, Camarines Sur

**MINDANAO**

- San Isidro Parish Church, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon
- Christ the King Cathedral, Koronodal City
- Christ the King Cathedral, Tagum City
- Santo Nino Parish Church, Panabo City
- St. Joseph the Worker, Butuan City
- Church of the Immaculate Concepcion, Cantilan, Surigao del Sur
- Santo Nino Cathedral, Pagadian City
- Redemptorist Church, Bajada, Davao City
- St. Joseph Parish Church, Sasa, Davao City
- San Pedro Cathedral, San Pedro St., Davao City
- Sta. Ana Parish Church, Sta Ana Ave., Davao City
- Assumption Church, Torres St., Davao City
- St. Jude Parish Church, St. Jude St., Davao City
- St. Paul Parish Church, Matina, Davao City
- San Antonio Parish Church, Agdao, Davao City
- Sacred Heart Parish Church, Obrero, Davao City
- St. Francis Parish Church, Tibungko, Davao City
- Fatima Parish Church, Boulevard, Davao City
- San Roque Parish Church, Kiwalan, Iligan City

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# SM CINEMA

**SM Dial-A-Movie Tel. 633-9999**

## NOW SHOWING

### SM CITY BACOOR
4173868

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|---|---|
| 1 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 2 | D-TOX |
| 3 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 4 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 5 | JOHN Q |
| 6 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 7 | BANDITS |
| 8 | THE MAJESTIC |

### SM CENTERPOINT
7149522 -7161416

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|---|---|
| 1 | JOHN Q |
| 2 | NOT ANOTHER TEEN |
| 3 | BANDITS |
| 4 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 5 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 6 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 7 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 8 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 9 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 10 | SNAKE CHARMER |

### SM CITY FAIRVIEW
9350749

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|---|---|
| 1 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 2 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 3 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 4 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 5 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 6 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 7 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 8 | BANDITS |
| 9 | JOHN Q |
| 10 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |
| 11 | D-TOX |
| 12 | NOT ANOTHER TEEN |

### SM CITY MANILA
5239240

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | BANDITS |
| 2 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 3 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 4 | JOHN Q |
| 5 | ROYAL TENENBAUMS |
| 6 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 7 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 8 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 9 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 10 | GOOD ADVICE |
| 11 | D-TOX |
| 12 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |

### SM MEGAMALL
6331901 • 6329401

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | ROYAL TENENBAUMS |
| 2 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 3 | GOOD ADVICE |
| 4 | JOHN Q |
| 5 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 6 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 7 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 8 | D-TOX |
| 9 | BANDITS |
| 10 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 11 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 12 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |

### SM CITY NORTH EDSA
9295452

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|---|---|
| 1 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 2 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 3 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 4 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 5 | JOHN Q |
| 6 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 7 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 8 | BANDITS |
| 9 | CLOSED |
| 10 | CLOSED |
| 11 | CLOSED |
| 12 | CLOSED |

### SM SOUTHMALL
8060888

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|---|---|
| 1 | JOHN Q |
| 2 | BANDITS |
| 3 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 4 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 5 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 6 | D-TOX |
| 7 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 8 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 9 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 10 | SNAKE CHARMER |

### SM CITY CEBU
2313876

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 2 | RAT RACE |
| 3 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 4 | D-TOX |
| 5 | SHIPPING NEWS |
| 6 | BIBINGKA |
| 7 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 8 | 13 GHOSTS |

### SM CITY ILOILO
3209422

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|---|---|
| 1 | SHALLOW HAL |
| 2 | CLOSED |
| 3 | D-TOX |
| 4 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 5 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 6 | 13 GHOSTS |
| 7 | CLOSED |
| 8 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |

### SM CITY PAMPANGA
7128015

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|---|---|
| 1 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 2 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 3 | NOT ANOTHER TEEN |
| 4 | D-TOX |
| 5 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 6 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |

### SM SUPER CTR. SUCAT
8204975

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|---|---|
| 1 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 2 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 3 | JOHN Q |
| 4 | BANDITS |

### SM CINEMA GUADALUPE
8820984

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|---|---|
| 1 | EVA |
| 2 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 3 | SNAKE CHARMER |

### SM CINEMA TUTUBAN
2514302

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|---|---|
| 1 | JOHN Q |
| 2 | BANDITS |
| 3 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 4 | SNAKE CHARMER |

### SM CITY DAVAO
2976998

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|---|---|
| 1 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 2 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| 3 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 4 | 13 GHOSTS |
| 5 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 6 | SHIPPING NEWS |

### SM BICUTAN

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*VISION & SOUND*

### SM CITY CAGAYAN DE ORO

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*STATE-OF-THE-ART*
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# MOVIE GUIDE

## NOW SHOWING

EMAIL: mmta@asia.com

### Filinvest FESTIVAL CINEMA
(Muntinlupa) tel 850.3571 or 72

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|---|---|
| 1 (DDS) | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 2 (SDDS) | BANDITS |
| 3 (DTS) | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 4 GOLD (DTS) | THE MAJESTIC |
| 5 GOLD (DOLBY) | JOHN Q |
| 6 GOLD (SDDS) | BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 7 GOLD (DOLBY) | BANDITS |
| 8 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 9 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 10 | ROYAL TENENBAUMS |

### Pearl Plaza Cinemas
(Parañaque) tel. 853.4486

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | |
| 2 | EVA |
| 3 (DTS) | BANDITS |
| 4 | |
| 5 | GAWIN SA DILIM |
| 6 (DTS) | |
| Golden Pearl THX | |

### Masagana CINEMA
(Pasay) tel [illegible]

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|---|---|
| 1 | |
| 2 | [illegible] |
| 3 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |

### starmall Movies
(Shaw Blvd.) tel 724.4986

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | MAJESTIC |
| 2 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 3 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |
| 4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) | BANDITS |
| 5 | EVA |

### METROPOLIS star
tel 850.4285

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 2 | BIBINGKA |
| 3 | BANDITS |
| 4 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 5 | MAJESTIC |
| 6 | JOHN Q |
| 7 | |
| 8 | |

### PREMIERE CINEMA THX
(Makati City) TEL. 751-2010 TO 13

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | BANDITS |

### Center Plaza Cinema
(Balanga, Bataan) tel (047) 237.7007

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| 2 | RIDING IN CARS |

### FCM FAIRVIEW CENTER MALL, INC
tel 930.9515

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|---|---|
| 1 | RESERVE |
| 2 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |
| 3 | GAWIN SA DILIM |

### Spring
(Libertad, Pasay City) tel 831.7864

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|---|---|
| 1 | BANDITS |
| A | GAWIN SA DILIM |

### Sunshine
(FTI, Taguig) tel 838.4301 loc. 3376

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| 1 | [illegible] |
| 2 | [illegible] |
| 3 | GAWIN SA DILIM |
| 4 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |

### GOTESCO CINEMA

#### Gotesco City
(Manila) tel 734.8588

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 (DOLBY) | BANDITS |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
| 4 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 5 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 6 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 7 (DTS) | MAJESTIC |
| 8 (SDDS) | JOHN Q |
| 9 (DOLBY) | JIMMY NEUTRON |

#### Gotesco Caloocan
tel 362.3508

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|---|---|
| 2 | BIBINGKA |

#### Gotesco Grand Central
(Caloocan) tel 364.3781

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|---|---|
| 1 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| 2 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 3 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 4 (SDDS) | BANDITS |
| 5 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 6 (DOLBY) | MAJESTIC |
| 7 (DTS) | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 8 | BIBINGKA |
| 9 | RESERVE |

#### Gotesco Commonwealth
tel 951.0083

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|---|---|
| 1 (DTS) | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 2 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| 3 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 4 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 5 (SDDS) | JOHN Q |
| 6 | BIBINGKA |
| 7 (DOLBY) | BANDITS |
| 8 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |

#### Gotesco Ortigas
tel 656.[illegible]

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| [illegible] | JOHN Q |

#### Universal
(Manila) tel 733.2470

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|---|---|
| 1 | BANDITS |

#### Sampaquita
(Cubao) tel 911.7888

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|---|---|
| 1 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |

#### Dilson
(Manila) tel 734.7724

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| Dilson<br>Lords<br>Jennet | SNAKE CHARMER |

#### MARKETPLACE
Mandaluyong
tel 533.3851 533.3856

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|---|---|
| 1 | MAJESTIC |
| 2 | BANDITS |
| 3 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |

#### Prima
(Pasig) tel 641.1215

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#### Isetann Cinerama Complex Recto
**SUPER CINERAMA**
tel 733.4238

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|---|---|
| 1 (DOLBY) | BANDITS |
| 2 | MAJESTIC |
| 3 | SNAKE CHARMER |
| 4 | RESERVE |
| 5 | RESERVE |

#### New Divisoria Mall
**DIVISORIA CINEMA**
tel 244.4619

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|---|---|
| 1 | RESERVE |
| 2 | RESERVE |
| 3 | RESERVE |
| 4 | RESERVE |
| 5 | RESERVE |
| 6 | RESERVE |

#### FRC Cinema
Talaba Bacoor Cavite

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|---|---|
| 1 | OPENS MARCH 30 |
| 2 | OPENS MARCH 30 |

#### Berma
tel 879.2029

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|---|---|
| 1 | BANDITS |
| 2 | ACCIDENTAL SPY |

#### CitiMall
(Parañaque) tel 820.7269

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|---|---|
| 1 | RESERVE |
| 2 | RESERVE |

### CINEMA 2000

#### Cinema 2000 Target Mall
(Sta. Rosa Laguna)
tel (049) 534.2185, 534.2198

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 2 | BIBINGKA |
| 3 (DTS) | LORD OF THE RINGS |

#### Cinema 2000 Waltermart
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7383

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 2 (DTS) | LORD OF THE RINGS |
| 3 (DOLBY) | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 4 | JIMMY NEUTRON |

#### Cinema 2000 Pavilion Mall
(Biñan) tel (049) 411.1146

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 2 (DOLBY) | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 3 (DTS) | KAILANGAN KO'Y IKAW |
| 4 | LORD OF THE RINGS |

#### Cinema 2000 Cinemagix
(Urdaneta) tel(075) 568.6771

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 2 | 13 GHOSTS |
| 3 | SOON TO OPEN |
| 4 | SOON TO OPEN |

#### Cinema 2000 MetroTown
(Tarlac) tel(045) 982.1729

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 2 | RAT RACE |
| 3 (DOLBY) | 13 GHOSTS |
| 4 (DTS) | BEAUTIFUL MIND |

#### Lianas Cinema
(Alabang) tel 850.1276

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 (SDDS) | RESERVE |
| 2 | BIBINGKA |
| 3 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |
| 4 (DTS) | BANDITS |

#### Lianas MovieCity
(Calamba) tel (049) 545.7202

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 (DOLBY) | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 2 | EVA |
| 3 (DTS) | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 4 | BIBINGKA |
| 5 | MILLION DOLLAR MANSION |

#### Olivarez Tri-Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.8883

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | MOTHMAN PROPHECIES |
| 2 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 3 | BIBINGKA |

#### Olivarez Los Baños
tel (049) 249-2558

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | THE OTHERS |
| 2 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 3 | BIBINGKA |

#### Olivarez Tagaytay
tel (046) 413.0311

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | LORD OF THE RINGS |
| 2 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 3 | ESKANDALOSA |

#### Morales Cinema
(Biñan) tel (049) 511.9736

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | MOTHMAN PROPHECIES |
| 2 | THE BODY |
| 3 | RESERVE |

#### Cabuyao
(Laguna City) tel (049) 531.4808

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|---|---|
| 1 (DTS) | RESERVE |
| 2 (DTS) | EVA |

#### Fourstep
(Cavite) tel (046) 416.2385

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | RESERVE |

#### Emperor
(Rosario Cavite) tel (046) 438.1657

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|---|---|
| 1 | EVA |
| 2 | LORD OF THE RINGS |
| 3 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |

#### Fiesta World Mall
(Lipa) tel (043) 981.0790

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|---|---|
| 1 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 2 | BIBINGKA |
| 3 | NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE |
| 4 | MARSHALL DICK |

#### Jade Cinema
(Angeles City) tel (045) 887.5001 to 03

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 (DOLBY EX) | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 2 | NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE |
| 3 (DTS) | D-TOX |
| 4 | MOTHMAN PROPHECIES |

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633- 7641 loc. 279

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|---|---|
| 1 THX | GOOD ADVICE |
| 2 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 3 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 4 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 5 | JOHN Q |
| 6 | BANDITS |
| 7 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 8 | ROYAL TENENBAUMS |
| 9 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 10 | THE MAJESTIC |

### Ermita
536 -7809- 12

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|---|---|
| 1 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 2 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 3 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 4 | GOOD ADVICE |
| 5 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 6 | JOHN Q |
| 7 | BANDITS |

### Metro East -
Marcos hway 682- 8193 / 8280

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|---|---|
| 1 | JOHN Q |
| 2 | BANDITS |
| 3 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 4 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 5 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 6 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 7 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 8 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |

### Novaliches
935- 3229 - 30

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|---|---|
| 1 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 2 | BANDITS |
| 3 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 4 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 5 | JOHN Q |
| 6 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| 7 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 8 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |

### Imus
471- 8188 / 875- [illegible]

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|---|---|
| 1 | THE MAJESTIC |
| 2 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| 3 | BANDITS |
| 4 | JOHN Q |
| 5 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 6 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |

### Bacolod
441- 0453 / 0459

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | 13 GHOSTS |
| 2 | SHALLOW HAL |
| 3 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| 4 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| 5 | ESKANDALOSA |
| 6 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |

### Iloilo
336- 8077 - 78

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | D-TOX |
| 2 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 3 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| 4 | BIBINGKA |
| 5 | 13 GHOSTS |
| 6 | A BEATIFUL MIND |

### Star Mills-
Sn Fernando, Pamp 875- 1927
961- 5318 / 5270

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|---|---|
| 1 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| 2 | NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE |
| 3 | EVA |
| 4 | D-TOX |
| 5 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| 6 | JIMMY NEUTRON |

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| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-1 | GOT 2 BELIEVE IN MAGIC |
| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-2 | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-3 (DDS) | QUEEN OF THE DAMMED |
| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-4 (SDDS) | BANDITS |
| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-5 (DTS) | MAJESTIC |
| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-6 (DOLBY) | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| ALI MALL CINEPLEX-7 (DOLBY) | JOHN Q |
| FARMERS PLAZA-1 (DOLBY) | SNAKE CHARMER |
| FARMERS PLAZA-2 (DOLBY) | AMADILO |
| FIESTA CARNIVAL | |
| NEW FRONTIER | |
| **MANILA** | |
| EASTERN | |
| MAXIM | CLOSED |
| MIRAMAR | HUBOG / TOO MUCH FLESH |
| ODEON | JOHN Q |
| ODEON-2 | BANDITS |
| ROBEN | SNAKE CHARMER |
| TANDEM-1 | SEX MEDUSA |
| TANDEM-2 | SEX EDUCATION |
| TIMES | OTHER SIDE OF LOVE / AMERICAN PIE 2 |
| **QUEZON CITY** | |
| ACT-1 | SENSUAL ISLAND |
| ACT-2 | KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT |
| ACT-3 | CLOSED |
| ACT-4 | CLOSED |
| CORONET-2 | ORIGINAL SIN |
| QUEZON-1 | BIBINGKA |
| REMAR | SNAKE CHARMER |
| REMAR-2 | BIBINGKA |
| **NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA** | |
| A | BIBINGKA |
| B | EVA LASON KAY ADAN |
| C | |
| **MANDALUYONG CITY** | |
| SHANGRI-LA PLAZA MALL | 635-20-79 / 633-78-51 TO 70 |
| CINEMA-1 | THE MAJESTIC |
| CINEMA-2 | BANDITS |
| **CAINTA RIZAL** | |
| STA. LUCIA EAST | (681-5401 TO 19) |
| CINEMA-1 | BATAS NG LANSANGAN |
| CINEMA-2 | ACHILLES |
| CINEMA-3 | BIBINGKA |
| CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL) | WE WERE SOLDIERS |
| CINEMA-5 (DTS) | D-TOX |
| CINEMA-6 | MASARAP HABANG MAINIT |
| CINEMA-7 | EVA |
| CINEMA-8 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| CINEMA-9 (DTS) | MAJESTIC |
| CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL) | BANDITS |
| CINEMA-11 (SDDS) | JOHN Q |
| CINEMA-12 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| CINEMA-14 | QUEEN OF THE DAMNED |
| CINEMA-15 | GOT 2 BELIEVE |
| **LORES** | |
| CINEMA-2 | CLOSED |
| CINEMA-3 | CLOSED |
| **POWER PLANT CINEMA** | |
| CINEMA-1 | GOOD ADVICE |
| CINEMA-2 | JIMMY NEUTRON |
| CINEMA-3 | BANDITS |
| CINEMA-4 | A BEAUTIFUL MIND |
| CINEMA-5 | THE MAJESTIC |
| CINEMA-6 | JOHN Q |
| **UNIWIDE METROMALL** | |
| (LAS PINAS) | |
| CINEMA-1 | |
| CINEMA-2 | |
| CINEMA-4 | |
| **UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL** | |
| (PARAÑAQUE) | |
| CINEMA-1 | ALIPIN NG TUKSO |
| CINEMA-2 | THE OTHER SIDE OF LOVE |
| CINEMA-4 | ALAMID |

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Darren must be rescued at all cost from the clutches of the evil woman, launching a series of side-splitting misadventures. **(Rated R for nudity and sexual humor.)**

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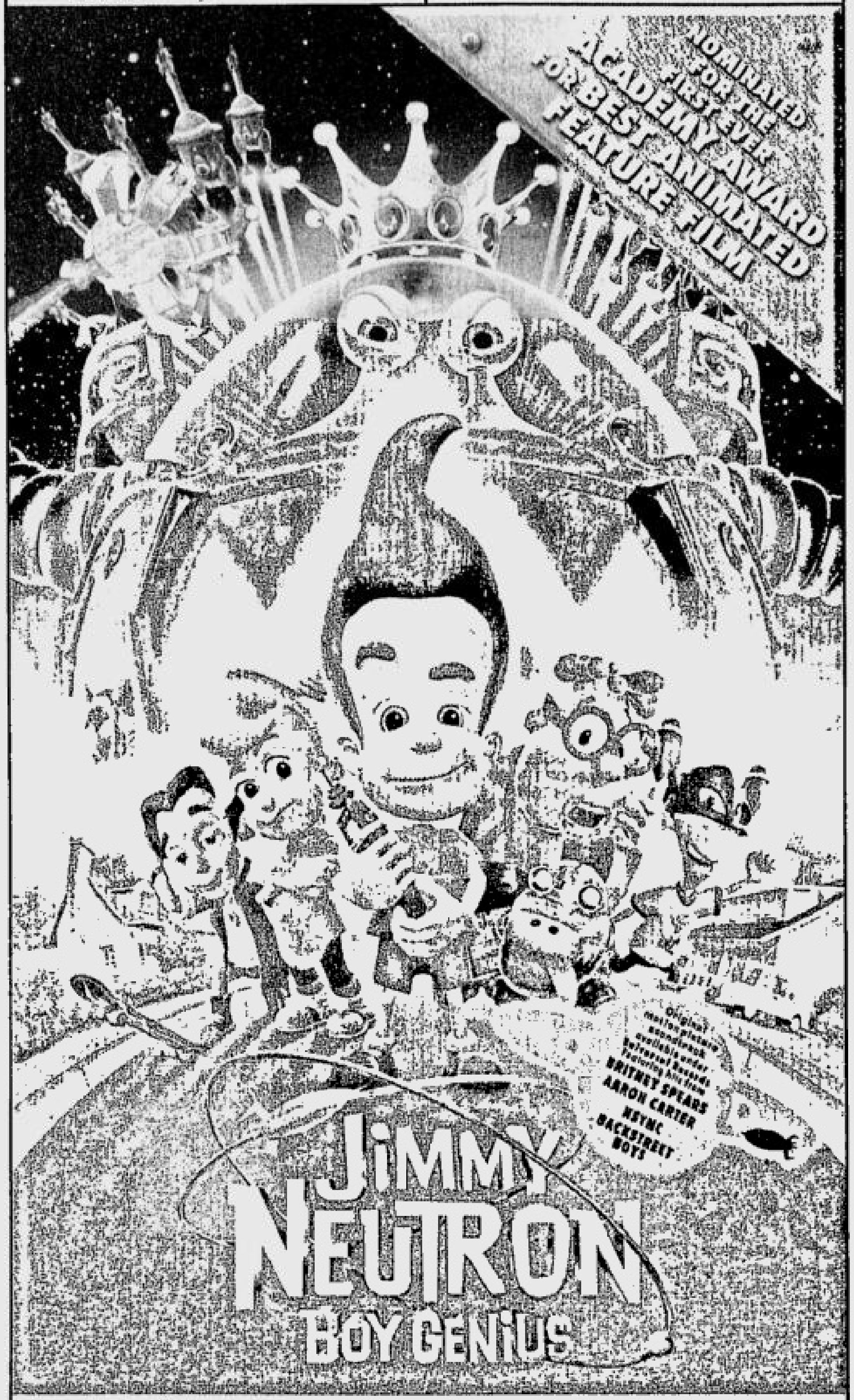
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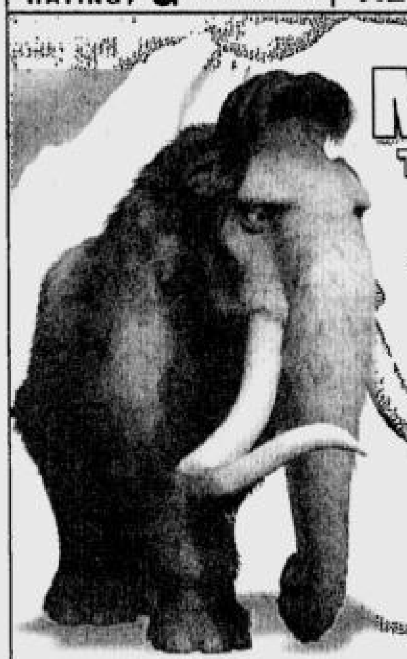

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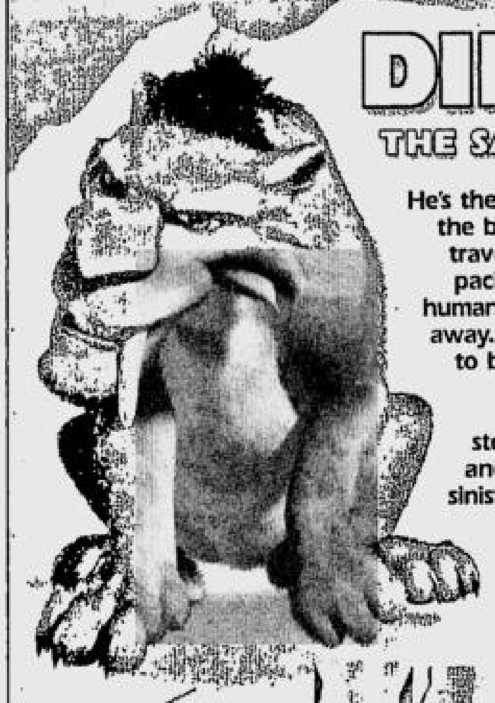

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The Scrat is a mammal on a mission, just trying to hide his acorn. A little light on the smarts though, if the Scrat is going to survive the Ice Age, he'd better stick close to Manny, watch his back for a lurking Diego and always keep his two hands on his nut. The Scrat is The Sub-Zero Heroes' Squeak Attack.

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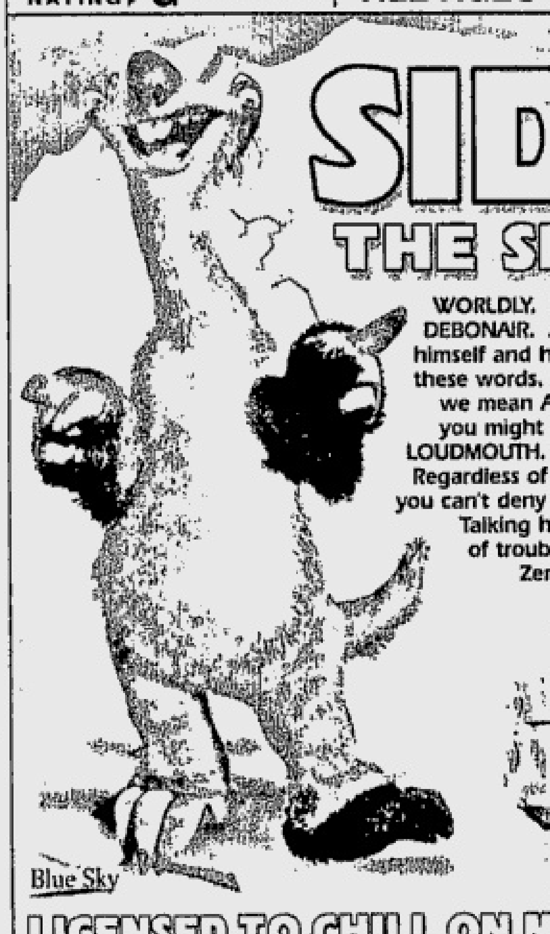

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# E! Philippines airs pre- and post-Oscar show tomorrow

E! Networks gear up for the biggest night in Hollywood Monday, (Sunday, Los Angeles time) as it presents "Live from the Red Carpet: The 2002 Academy Awards," at 8 a.m. tomorrow and the "Live Post Show: The 2002 Academy Awards," at 12 noon on E! Philippines.

This year's Academy Awards will be held at the new Kodak Theater in Los Angeles.

"Live from the Red Carpet: The 2002 Academy Awards" offers a ringside view of Hollywood's biggest stars as they step out of their limousines and onto the fabled red carpet.

The mother-daughter tandem of Joan and Melissa Rivers to bring you exciting pre-ceremony interviews with nominees, presenters and celebrities as they talk about the most anticipated Hollywood event of the season.

After the Academy Award ceremonies, E! Philippines goes live anew at 12 noon as it brings the "Live Post Show: The 2002 Academy Awards."

E! News Live anchor Steve Kmetko and Jules Asner report live to interview the night's winners, show highlights of the awards and get reactions from the guests.

E! will also cover the most happening post-show parties including the Governor's Ball and the Vanity Fair party.

In-between the pre-and post-Academy Award shows from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, E! Philippines will air "The Envelope Please . . . ," a series of behind-the-scenes features of some of the Academy's nominated movies, actors and actresses.

They include "Moulin Rouge" (best picture/actress), "A Beautiful Mind" (8 nominations including best picture, best actor and best director), "Ali" (best actor), "Kate and Leopold" (best song), "Lord of the Rings" (13 nominations including best director and best picture) and "Black Hawk Down" (best director).

The pre-and post Academy Award shows will be re-broadcast in the evening from 8 p.m. to midnight. This will be preceded by E!'s 2002 Academy Award Nominations at 7 p.m.

E! Philippines is on free-to-air Channel 31, SkyCable Channel 64, Channel 16 on Destiny Cable and Channel 14 on Dream.

# Celebrity storytelling at Enchanted Kingdom

CARLO Muñoz, a mainstay of ABS-CBN's "Pangako Sa 'Yo," will be the featured celebrity in Enchanted Kingdom's regular storytelling session, 4:30 p.m. today at the park's Discovery Workshop.

The actor of the PLDT "Hello Billy" commercial fame will delight kids of the Holy Cross Day Care with an apt summer story, "Ang Prinsipeng Ayaw Maligo."

Regular park guests can also attend the storytelling.

Meanwhile, enjoy cooler summer evenings at Enchanted Kingdom with its new park schedule. From March 20 to June 23, Enchanted Kingdom will be open Wednesdays to Fridays, 2 to 10 p.m.; and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The park will also be open on March 25, 26 and 27 (Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday) from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. It will be closed on March 28 and 29 (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), but will resume operations on March 30 (Black Saturday).

Enchanted Kingdom's regular weekend, holiday/weekday admission rates are at P400/320 (ride-all); P250/200 (supersaver) and P100 (EK Special).

For inquiries call 830-2111 to 17 (Makati office) or 843-6073 to 78 (Sta. Rosa).

# Side A, Freestyle sing in Suburbia

FRESH from a successful concert at the Araneta Coliseum, Side A and Freestyle return to Suburbia, Malate's hottest venue for live entertainment.

Side A will take centerstage Monday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 27 (back-to-back with M Power).

Meanwhile, Freestyle will perform Tuesday, March 26.

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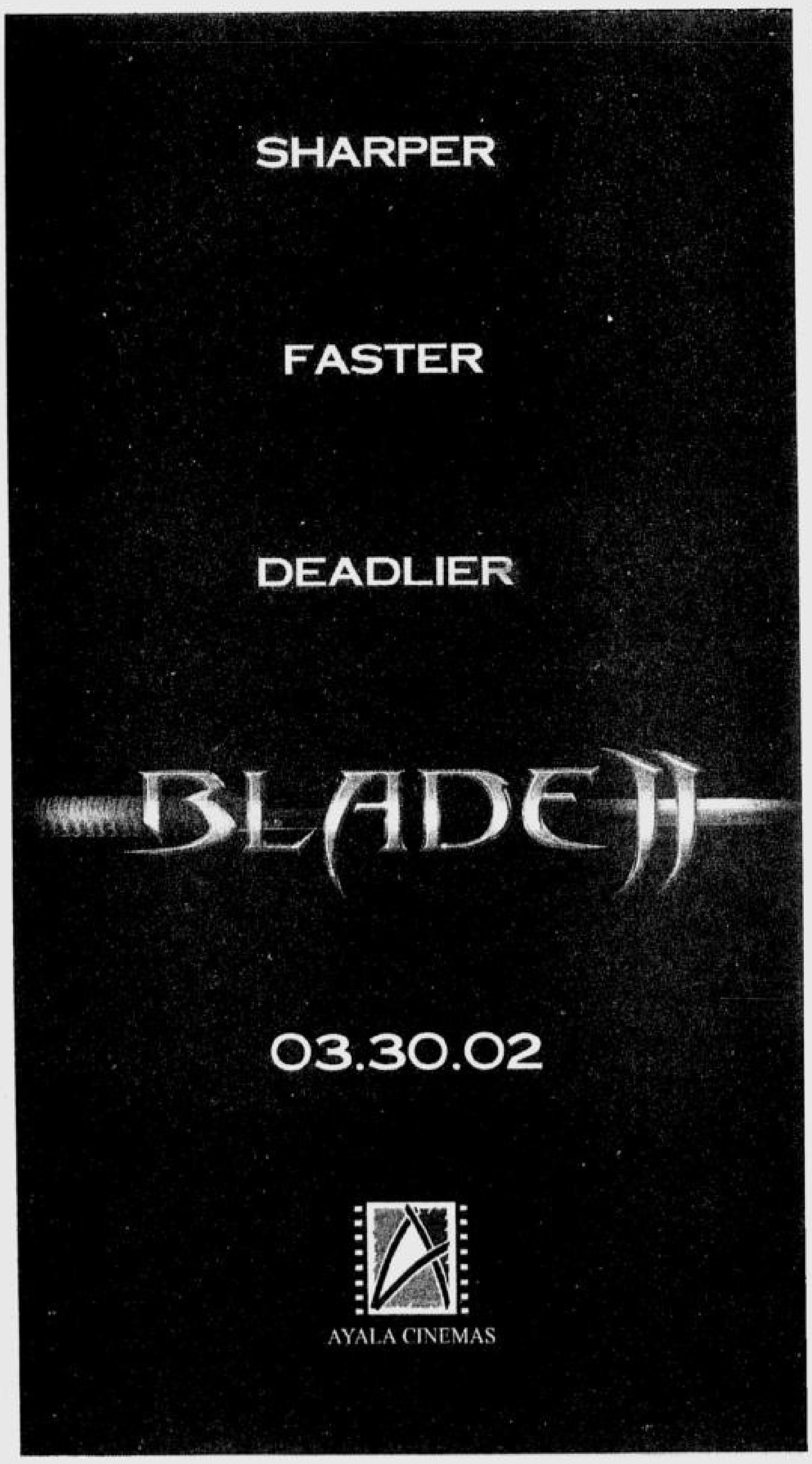

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stories and characters outside of this is somehow a betrayal. But, as a person of two cultures, ethnicities and perspectives, I have never felt that I have to choose between one and the other. I have always been of both worlds and I hope that my films reflect this. I want my films to celebrate this."

**'Lent N' Pop'**

**DULCE, Anna Fegi, Rannie Raymundo** and Blue Ground will perform songs from "Jesus Christ, Superstar" as well as gospel, contemporary and OPM songs at Arkdia Entertainment Venue at 9:30 p.m. on March 24, Palm Sunday. **Angie Magbanua** directs. Arkdia is located on Remedios st. in Malate, Manila. Call 400-9974.

**Movies on TV**

ON HBO today at 11 a.m., "Unforgiven." 3 p.m., "Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertrasport." 8 p.m., "Gladiator."

On the Cinemax channel, March22 at 9:30 a.m., "Picking Up the Pieces." 11 a.m., "It Happened One Night." 5:45 p.m., "The Big Heist." 12:15 a.m., "Beetlejuice."

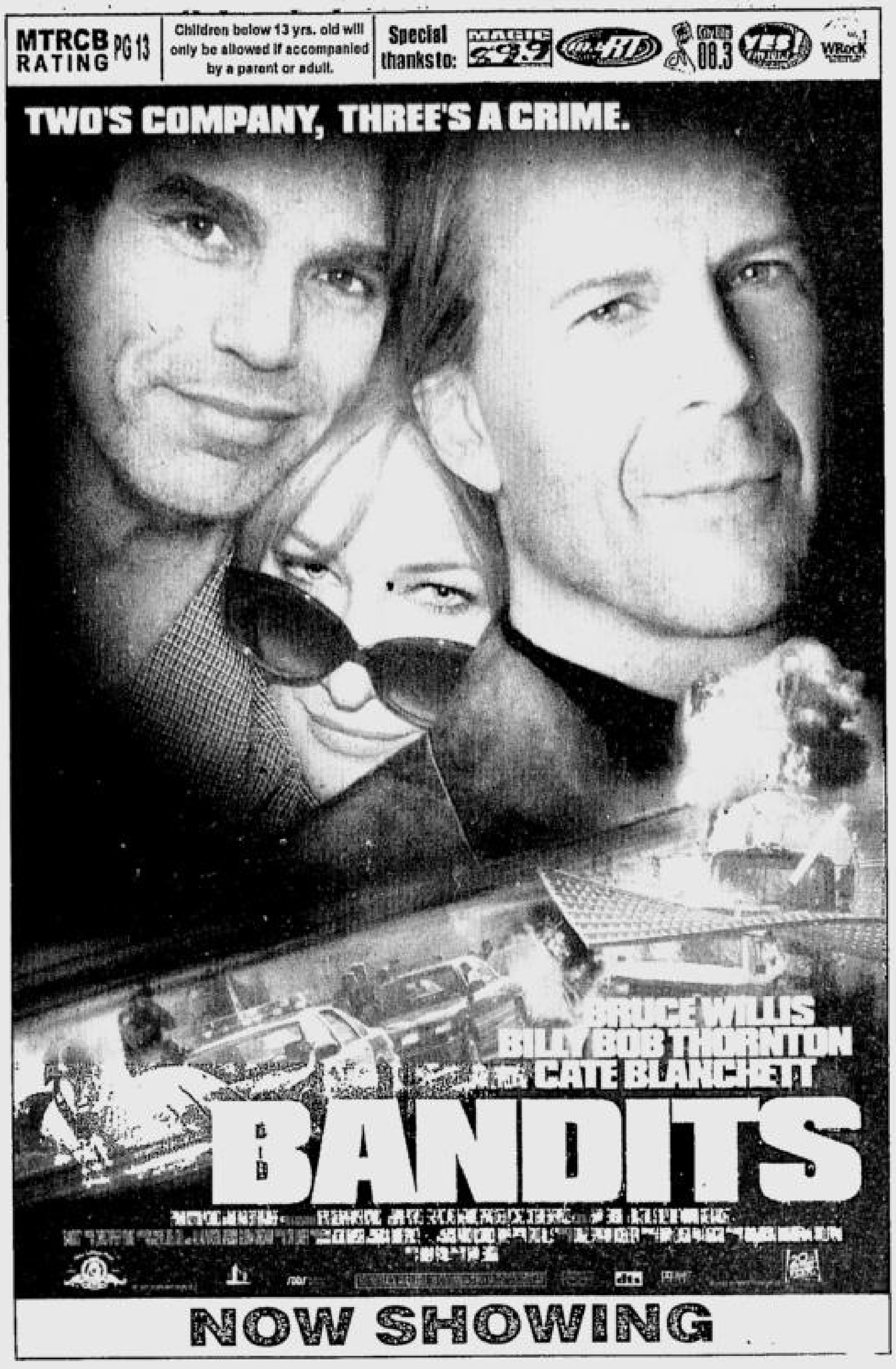
## Christian films on NBN 4

NBN 4 will show Christian films during Holy Week.

"Red Runs the River" airs at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, March 25. A saga if history, humor and excitement, "Red Runs the River" is the story of two wars – one on the American civil war battlefield and another in the heart of the profane, unbelieving General Ewell.

"The Printing" airs Tuesday, March 26, 5 p.m. It is the story of Dmitri Yurchenko, the rebellious son of a registered church pastor in Russia, as he seeks God and comes in contact with Christians who are willing to risk the loss of home, freedom and even life to print Bibles.

"Wine of Morning" airs Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. Set in various Bible cities, the historical film depicts what could have happened to the thied Barabbas in whose place Christ died on the cross.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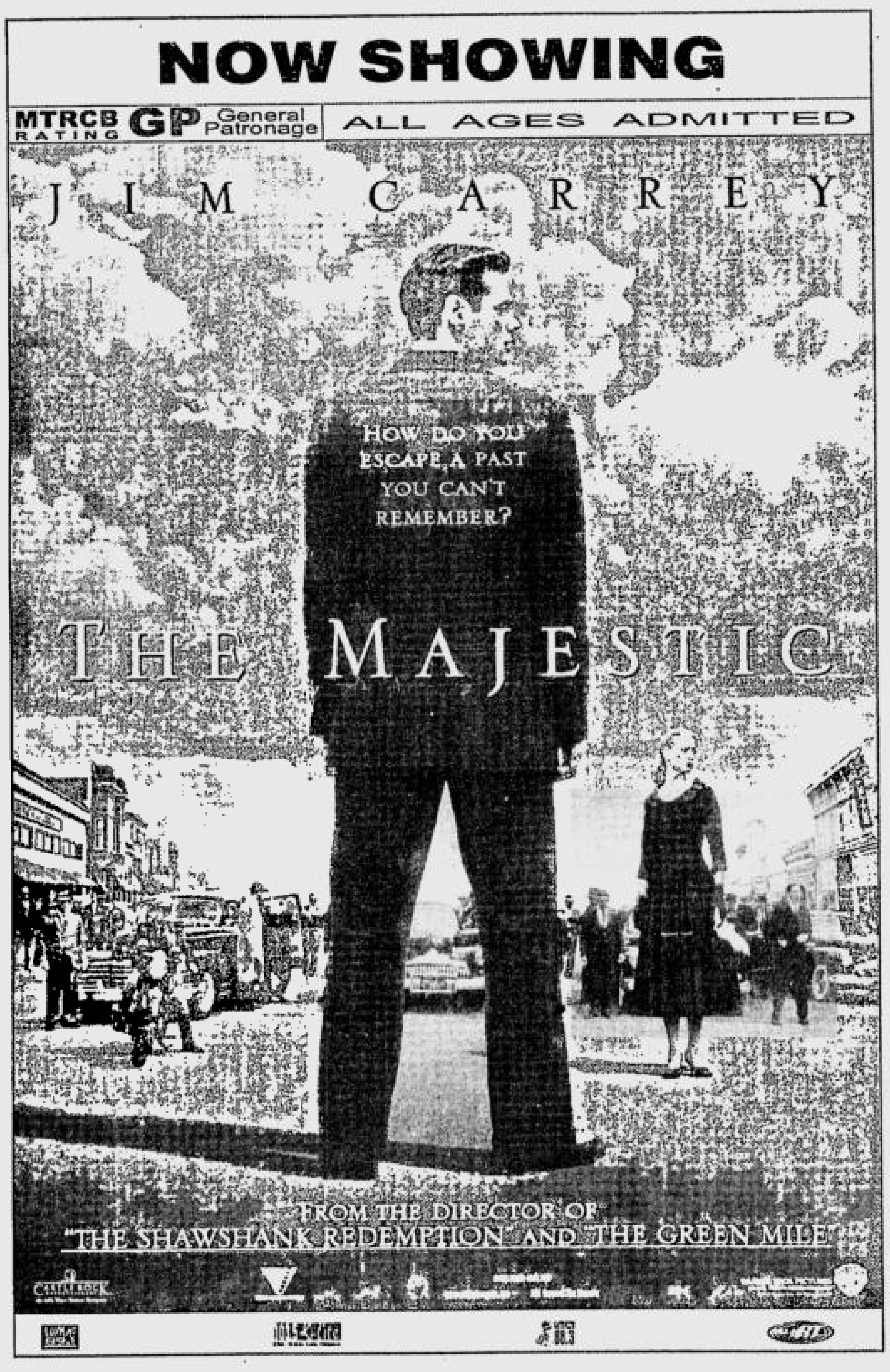
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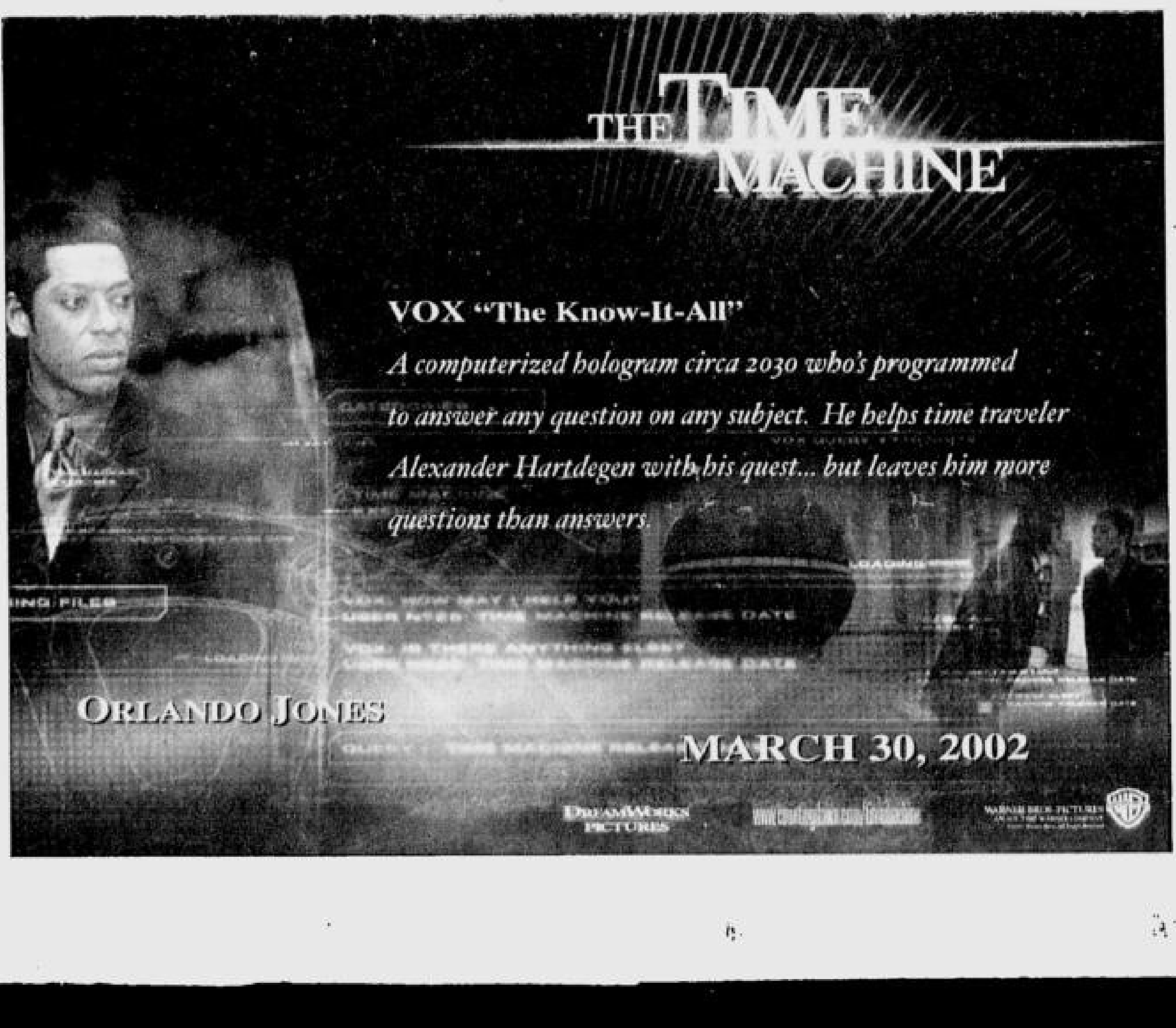
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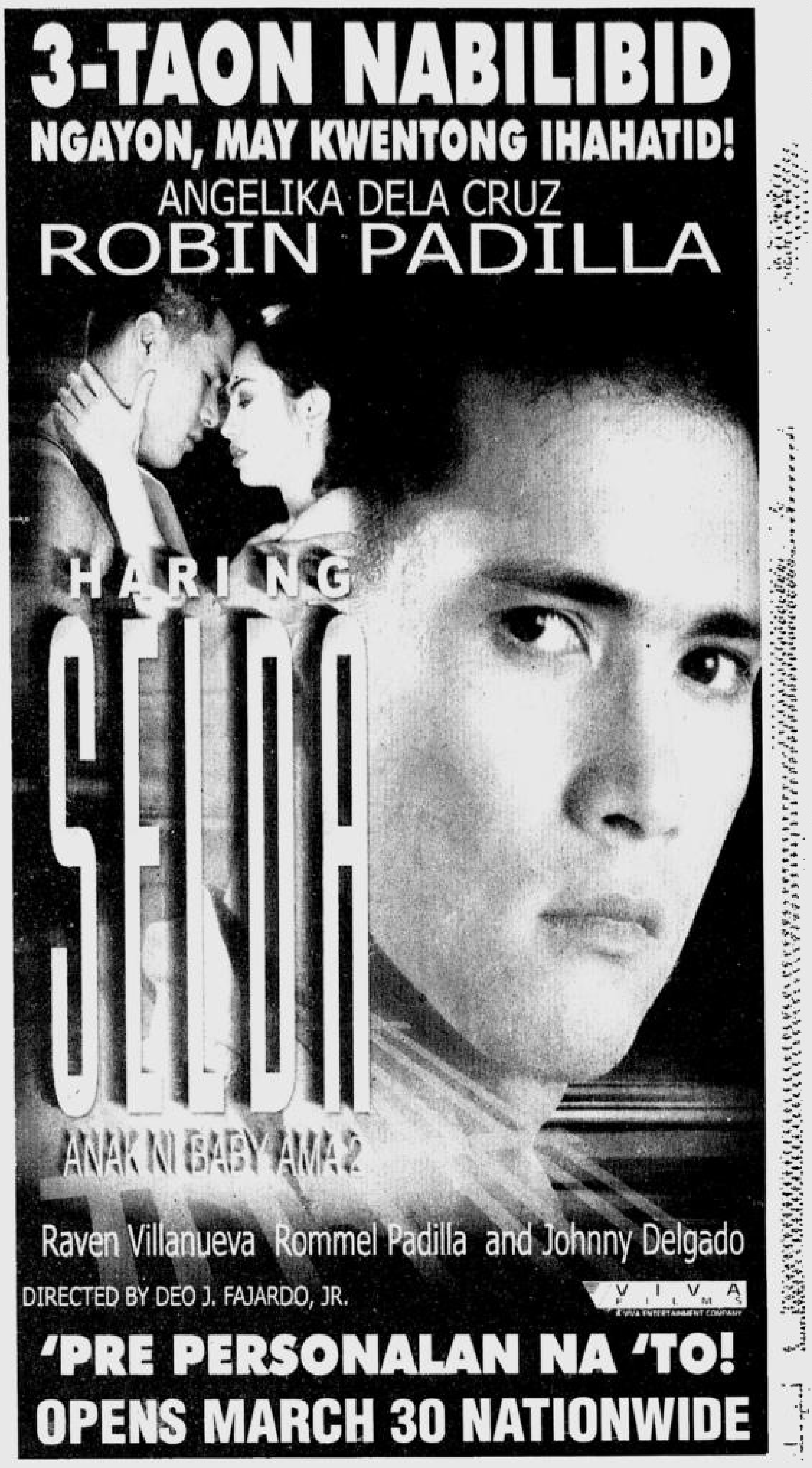
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# ENTERTAINMENT

Editor **Louie C. Camino**

# Cate Blanchett upstages Willis and Thorton in 'Bandits'

VIEWFINDER

*Nestor U. Torre*

**BRUCE Willis** and **Billy Bob Thornton** make a great, new action-comedy team in the offbeat, new "buddy" movie, "Bandits." Willis plays the impulsive charmer while Thornton is the brainy neurotic, and in their case it's true that opposites attract-and are very attractive.

The buddies are bank robbers whose clever exploits as reported on TV make them famous-infamous in the eyes of millions of viewers.

They're well on their way toward achieving their dream of becoming filthy-rich when, predictably enough, a woman drives a wedge between them. The complication is predictable, but the woman (**Cate Blanchett**) definitely isn't.

She's an unhappily married woman with a lot of chips on her shoulder, and many bats in her belfry. At first, she latches onto Willis, but not sooner has she wrapped him around her little finger that she adds Thornton to her list of victims.

To top it all, when her two beaus ask her to choose between them, she refuses to do so, fully intending to continue to enjoy their erotic sandwich.

The film's two male stars turn in delightfully idiosyncratic performances, but Blanchett takes full use of the plot's focus on the monkey wrench she throws into the bank robbers' buddy relationship, and comes up with the best characterization in the movie. She may be billed below Thornton and Willis, but she pretty much runs away with the film.

Another highlight of this offbeat movie is the particularly clever way that it gets its anti-heroes off the hook when the cops finally trap them inside the latest bank they're robbing.

Plus points like these are more than enough to make up for the movie's low moments, which mainly happen in its early scenes. This is when the script is still painstakingly laying the groundwork for the buddies' eventual success as the unique "sleepover bandits."

They are given that "title" because they've hit on the clever modus operandi of robbing banks with the help of those banks' managers, whom they've caught flatfooted in their homes the night before!

## April 26 concert for Cocoy Laurel

**COCOY Laurel** returns to the concert stage with the major shows, "Journey of the Heart," at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio on April 26. Through carefully-chosen songs, the show will chronicle Cocoy's continuing journey as a performing artist.

Included in the repertoire are the songs "Traveling Boy" and "What's Love Got to Do with It," a Supreme medley, a nostalgia section of songs from the Big Band era, a Beatles medley, some Pinoy pop songs, and Cocoy performing with the Madrigals and Powerdance.

Cocoy has been performing abroad in the past decade, especially as The Engineer in "Miss Saigon" (in the Australian production of the hit musical, he performed 450 times in only one year!).

But he's clearly home to stay so his April 26 concert is a good opportunity for local audiences to reacquaint themselves with Cocoy and his world-class talent.

## Feedback

FROM **Clara D. Benipayo** of Makati City:

"I was particularly interested when I read your column about Fil-American director **David Maquiling** and the good reception his movie has been getting in the States. Can you tell us more about him? What has made him succeed despite the very difficult competition abroad?"

NUT's Notes: Reading Maquiling's brief bio, we are struck by his willingness to work hard to get places. He is a magna cum laude graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and has received awards for his short films—"Nine Feet Tall," Grand Jury Prize at the USA Film Festival, and "Old English Cal," Best Short Film at the Province Film Festival. In addition, his feature-length script, "The Little Blue Man," won the Asian American Film Society Prize.

After graduation, he made his first feature, "Too Much Sleep," which came off so well that it was made a part of the prestigious Shooting Gallery Film Series. Incidentally, the film became controversial when some groups objected to it because it had no Asian character and is set in a white suburban town. They felt that it ignored the Asian American community and thus compromised its own integrity.

Maquiling's response: "Some people expect Asian filmmakers to deal exclusively with an Asian world, and believe that creating

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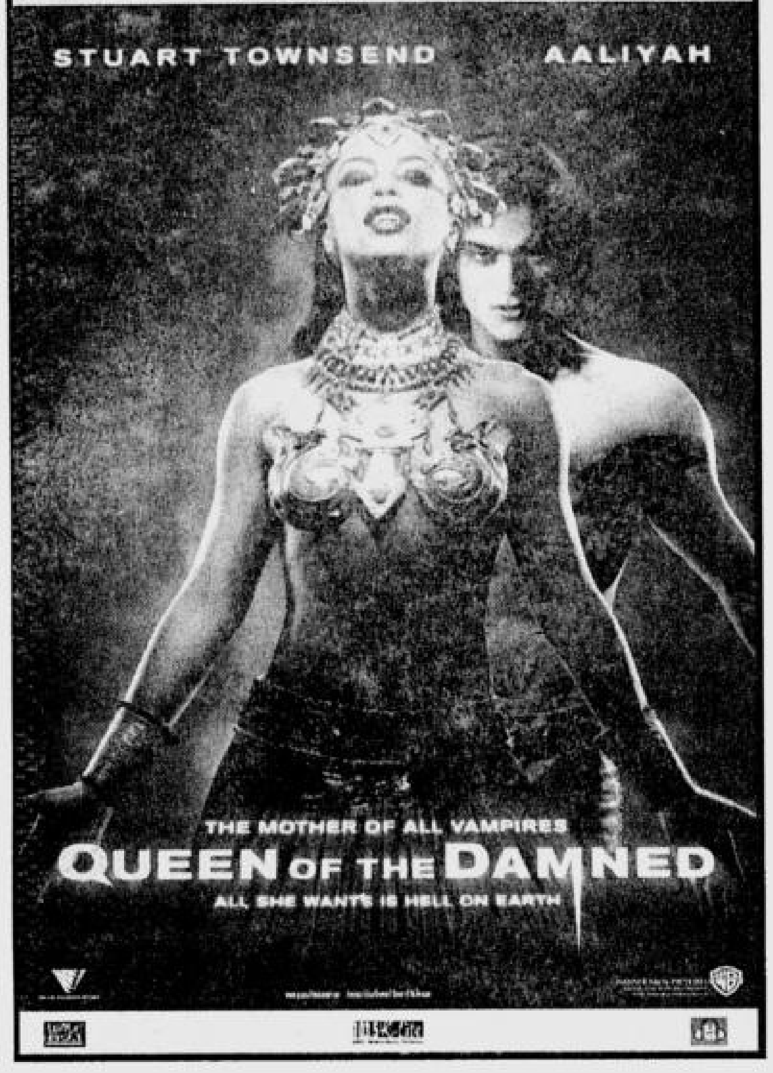
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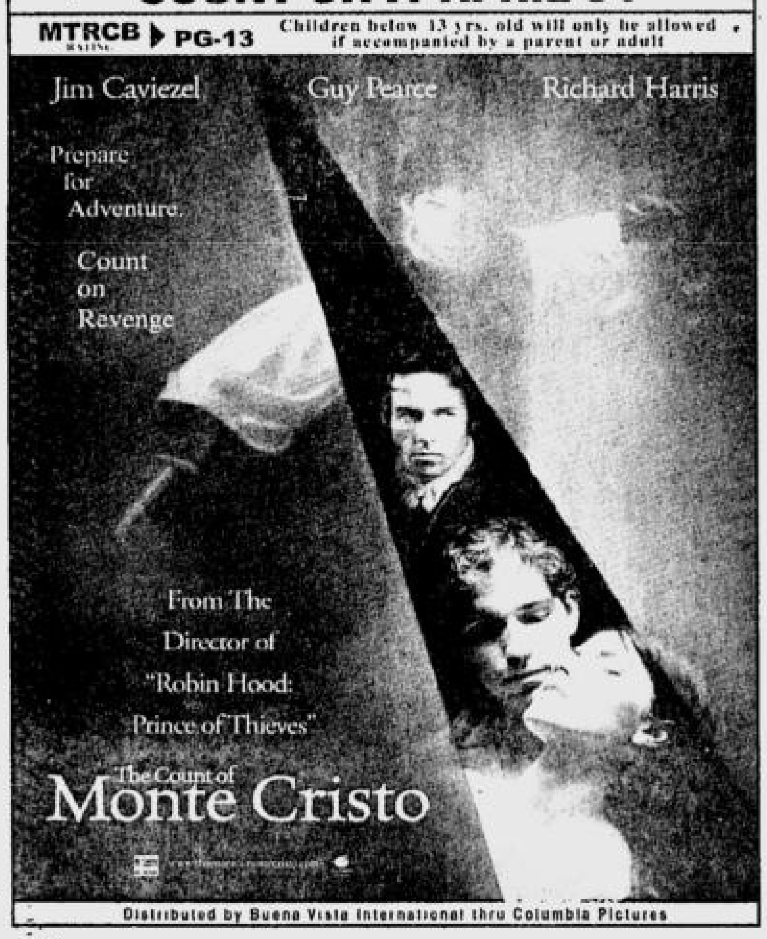
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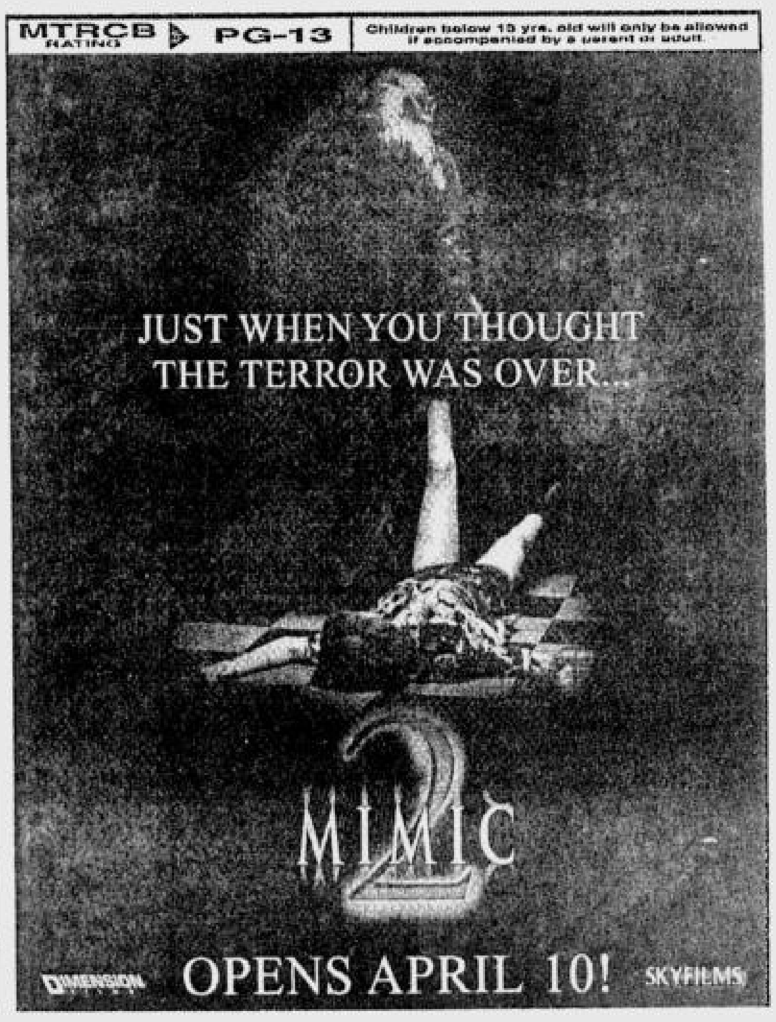

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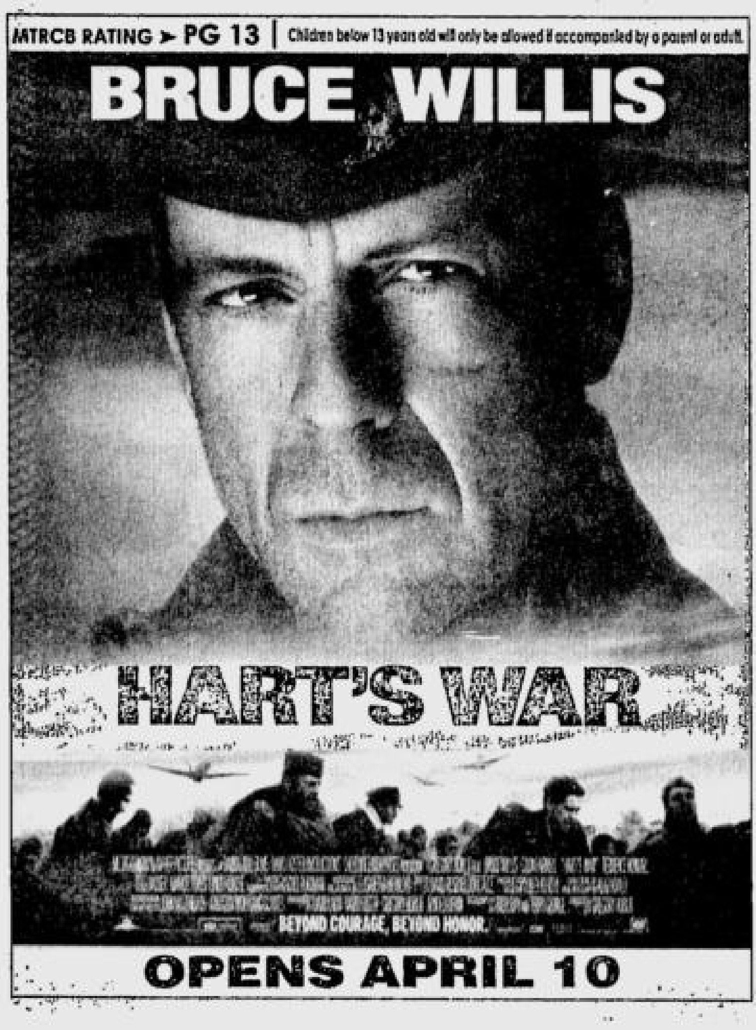

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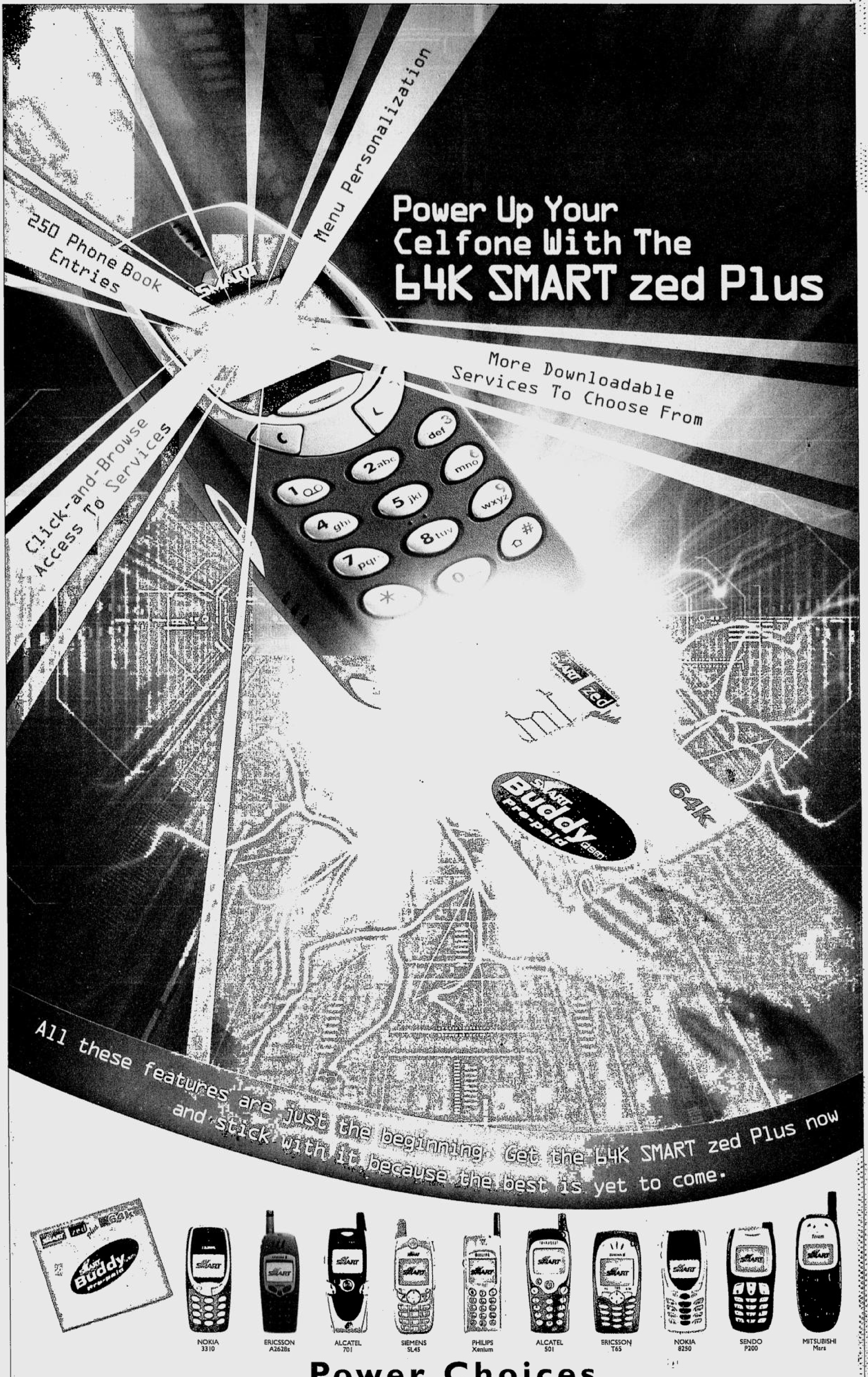
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# Fine Arts grad chose 'other side of the arts'

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

SHE comes from a very creative family—architects Francisco (who designed the Coconut Palace) Manoling and Pinggoy Manosa are her uncles; dancer Maiqui is a cousin; and composer Ed Formoso is a brother.

And with a mother who taught PE and personality development, Ma. Milagros "Mitos" Formoso Camahort, was half expected to either become an architect or a ballerina.

THOSE colegiala days

At 5, she and her two sisters, were promptly enrolled in ballet school. But she says that her mom knew it was not her cup of tea so she was pulled out.

Mitos admits that although she loves dancing, she was not keen on ballet nor was her body keen on it.

Her sisters however stayed and today both teach ballet in the US.

Her mother half expected her children to follow in her brothers' footsteps (Mitos' father was into insurance); but while most took the creative path, none became an architect.

CAMAHORT wanted to do creative work in advertising, ended up becoming president of an ad agency.
PHOTOS BY BETOY JOHNSON

Mitos studied Fine Arts; but she opted what she felt was the "other side of the arts" —advertising.

## FIRST JOB

In 1979, after graduating magna cum laude from the College of the Holy Spirit, Ma. Milagros "Mitos" Formoso Camahort applied to do creative work at the Philippine Advertising Counselors (PAC).

Louie Morales, who later founded Image Dimensions, an advertising agency, which Camahort now heads, used to head PAC and was the one who interviewed Mitos.

That was the late '70s and men wore shirts that were opened nearly to the waist, leather jackets and bell bottom or elephant pants. Such was the garb Morales was in when he interviewed Camahort, and having been a colegiala all her life, the fresh grad felt extremely uncomfortable to suddenly find herself in an male dominated environment.

There was no opening in the creative department but she accepted the offer to be an account management trainee.

"I was excited to have a job. I wanted to work in an advertising agency because it is very visual," Mitos recalls.

She joined PAC for P800 a month. With her first paycheck she bought a gallon of ice cream to her family as was then the tradition of many; and then got them a Singer black and white television set on installment at

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## FLASHBACK

THE young graduate

THE YEAR Mitos Camahort entered the workforce in 1979 was also the year Melanie Marquez won the Miss International beauty tilt in Tokyo, Japan.

In January of that year, the US bases agreement was amended requiring the Philippine flag to fly over the bases; but it also guaranteed the US unhampered military use. In September of 1979, then President Ferdinand E. Marcos had his first hemodialysis treatment to control hypertension and renal dysfunction.

In December of that year, Ninoy Aquino was granted for the first time a three-week furlough to be home with his family for his 25th wedding anniversary.

The popular TV shows then were Welcome Bhack, Kotter; WKRP in Cincinnati; Little House on the Prairie, Three's Company.

Best Picture at the Oscars was Superman, and the most popular movies then were All that Jazz, Amityville Horror, Apocalypse Now, Breaking Away, China Syndrome, and Justice for All. *(Compiled by Maricar Tolosa)*

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# Burgundy wines of France fight back

DIJON—French Burgundy wines are trying to fight back against market inroads from the United States, Chile, Australia and South Africa that took producers by surprise.

The prestigious production area has embarked on an aggressive sales policy and an attempt to promote its regional appellations, which are not so prestigious as its great growths and first growths.

Burgundy is much smaller, in terms of production and size, than Bordeaux, at 30,000 hectares, but boasts of famous wines such as Romanee-Conti. And now the trade can talk only of quality, the only way of fighting back against new world wine.

"Burgundy is going through a difficult period," said Laurent Max, head of the family firm Louis Max based in Nuits-Saint-Georges.

Up until the offensive by new world wines, the region exported more than half of its output. In non-producing countries, such as Britain, the new exporters secured an important part of the market. The most prestigious names have little to worry about, but the so-called regional wines—55 percent of the production—have been hard hit.

The industry has also been hit by a few wine-trafficking scandals in an area where there may be many growers producing under a single appellation, but of variable quality.

Under the impulsion of a recession that followed the boom years of 1997-1999, there has been a "cultural revolution," said Arnaud Pignol, head of the Burgundy wine producers union.

The trade has launched a promotion campaign that provides for strengthened quality controls through 2006, with refurbishing of the regional appellations. The campaign will cost 4.6 million euros.

The campaign is forcing growers to shell out money. Jean-Pierre Cournut, who owns the family Chateau de la Maltroye at Chassagne-Montrachet on the Cote-d'Or, has invested in self-regulation machines and oak barrels, which cost 533 euros apiece.

"The new generation, which is producing today's wine, has moved around and has clicked on," Cournut said.

Christophe Tupinier, editor of the trade paper Bourgogne Aujourdhui, said: "We have every chance of succeeding—fantastic ground, thousands of years of oenological knowledge, a favorable climate and the money."

He said the recession was dissimilar to that during the Gulf War in 1991, when all wines were affected. "Only the very top wines have come up trumps. The bad guys have another think coming," said Tupinier. **AFP**

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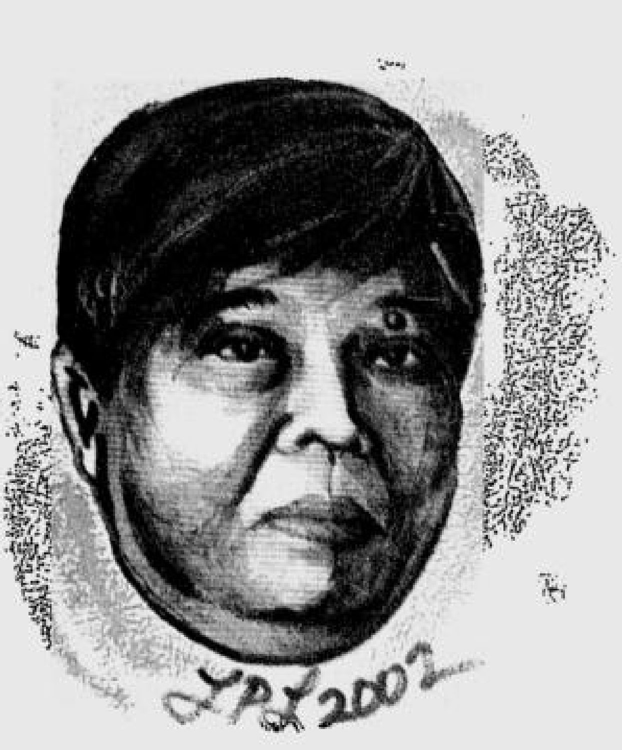
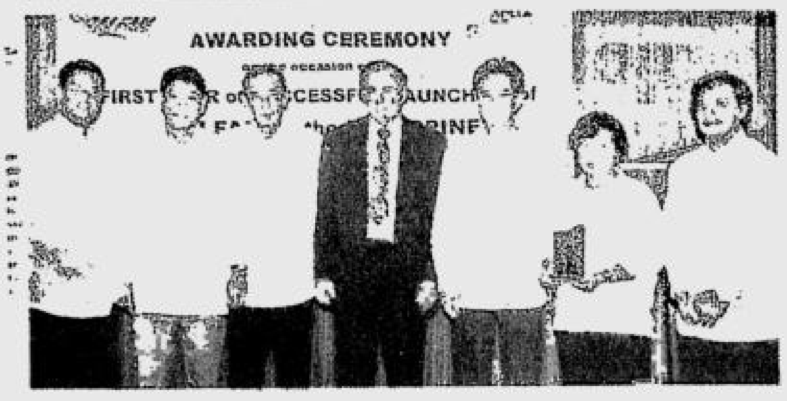


**THE POOR** boy from Bicol who overcame hardships and was once ranked by Forbes magazine in 1997 as one of the world's Top 10 leading business leaders, philanthropist and real estate entrepreneur, Tan Yu was laid to rest in the family mausoleum at Manila Memorial park in Sucat, Parañaque, last March 22.

He was the founder of the KTTI Foundation and Asiaworld International Group. He died of heart failure on March 12, in Houston, Texas.



**FOLLOWING** Puyat Steel's successful first year of launch of APO Galfan in the local market, Thomas L. Ranck, president of Galfan Technology Center Inc. ,came to Manila recently to personally present a citation award at a fitting ceremony to Aristeo G. Puyat (third from left), president of Puyat Steel Corp.

# You think journalists aren't serious? Listen to them ponder their vital role

**EXECUTIVE READ**

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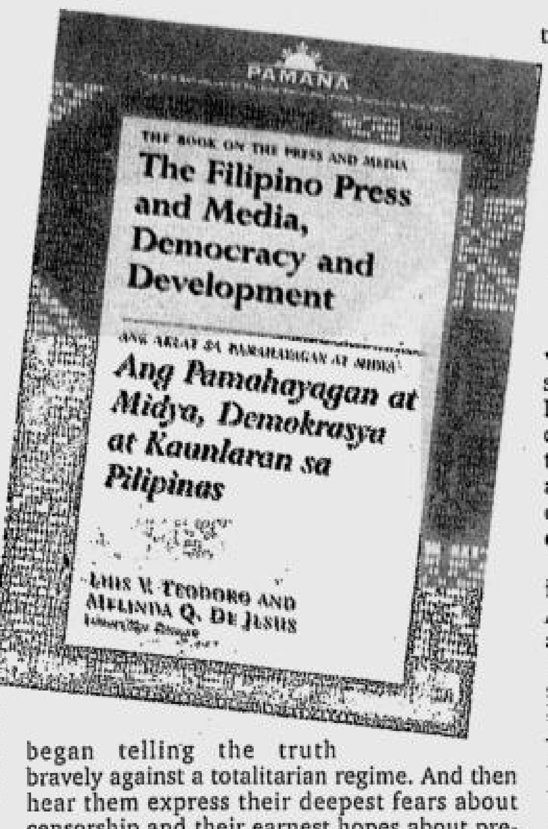

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THE BOOK ON THE PRESS AND MEDIA
The Filipino Press and Media, Democracy and Development

ANG AKLAT SA PAMAHAYAGAN AT MIDYA
Ang Pamahayagan at Midya, Demokrasya at Kaunlaran sa Pilipinas

LUIS V. TEODORO AND
MELINDA Q. DE JESUS

**By Dante M. Velasco**

SOME unenlightened (or uninformed, if that's not the same) sectors of business take the press lightly—or succumb to the generalization that its practitioners succeed only in making their business difficult or in unduly prying into their private affairs.

Reinforcing the bad image are three groups—their fellow journalists taking a "holier-than-thou" posture summarily "exposing" their peers for "wrongdoing," publicists and press agents who, for their own economic gain, reduce everything to "envelopmental journalism," and businessmen themselves who oversimplify media relations as a necessary "cost item" and their problems with the press as merely a question of "killing a story" or using media for "a demolition job."

It is shocking that, even in a doctoral class in communication, some students have also come to believe that Philippine journalism is so infected to the core that no less than a surgical procedure is needed—just because a book casually branded stories as "news for sale," and hinted that some broadcasters have a price tag.

Any objective observer can sense that labeling the journalistic profession that way is an unfair generalization and an unjustified wholesale indictment—especially since the Philippine press remains the saving grace of Philippine democracy, the same institution that has spearheaded critical democratic initiatives to oust a dictator and kick out an utterly corrupt leader.

The exception, in this case, does not prove the rule. But, don't take my word for it. Listen to the respected leaders and thinkers of journalism talk about the legacy of freedom fighting by media since the propaganda years led by Jose Rizal and Marcelo del Pilar.

## 'Mosquito press'

Eavesdrop on them as they struggle over the risk-laden role of the "mosquito press" when it began telling the truth bravely against a totalitarian regime. And then hear them express their deepest fears about censorship and their earnest hopes about preserving the wondrous tradition of a "free, militant and fiscalizing" press—as a solitary potent force to keep democracy alive.

Some of us are lucky to have coffee with them or bump into them in their regular hangouts relishing a "scoop" on a government functionary or recounting a feat ferreting out a truth in a scam.

The good news for many executives is this: There is a book, titled simply "The Filipino Press and Media, Democracy and Development," that is the next best thing to having a prolonged and occasional conversation with journalists.

The book editors, Luis V. Teodoro and Melinda Quintos-de Jesus, first give the reader a historical frame by which to appreciate media's role over the years.

"The country has moved through historic passages of subjugation, revolution and sovereignty. Filipinos have been ruled by foreign powers, by freely elected leaders, by a homegrown dictator . . . They have been caught in the grip of civil conflict, paralyzed by the dilemmas of democratic development. Through all these phases, the press has been either militantly active, suppressed or controlled—or, in the fullness of freedom, engaged in examining itself as well as the society that gave it birth and which sustains it," they said.

This book is one such self-assessment—serious, pained, hopeful and courageous. You ask: Is it our business in the corporate world to know where the press is going? It is like asking, do we need democracy to improve our bottom line or to ignite our business growth?

## Good for business

If you come from a Lee Kuan Yew school, you want the press to be a "little bit muzzled" for the sake of economic progress. But, if you read Francis Fukuyama, writing from America's political capital—Washington, D.C.—he advances the thought that the long-term viability of countries and businesses are those that have strong democratic foundations. ***(More about this in another book review.)***

You struggle over the thought that journalists don't see anything but faults. Listen to Adrian Cristobal, featured in this book: "The adversarial relationship between government (include other powerful institutions) and the press has sometimes been deplored, while it is the only possible relationship that is of any service at all in a free society. But it's government which aggravates the relationship with its policy of concealment, suppression and secrecy (substitute "business" with "government," and this quote is sharply relevant).

Philippine business must realize that a free society, in the long run, is good for business. Ms De Jesus puts it wondrously in perspective: "A closed society where people do not learn anything beyond their immediate surroundings does not nurture intellectual gifts and the emotional propensity to experiment, to explore and discover. Where there are newspapers that freely provide news, people are more alive to possibilities, to potential, to opportunity."

The book is a must reading for executives who must insist on their PR counselors and external relations advisers to give them a more balanced perspective about media. Divided into three parts, the book enables the readers to listen to voices from the ancient past, the immediate past and the present to know about the historic contributions of the Philippine press, their struggles and their vision of a press relearning their tools to be effective in this century.

After reading this book, you will come away with a newfound respect for journalism and its intrepid practitioners. As for the bad eggs, you will know them if you are introduced to their admirable opposites. *(dantemv@I-next.net)*

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### IN CATERING BUSINESS

# For couple, art comes first before money

**By Mei Magsino**
*PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

BATANGAS CITY—Amid the Gulf war, Alex Michael del Rosario and wife Teresita met in Saudi Arabia, got married in 1991 and started a catering business that served the guests of Filipino and foreign workers in the oil-rich kingdom.

In 1995, equipped with the knowledge, expertise and necessary capital to start their own catering business, the couple decided to go home to the Philippines and, within six years, they were able to build a catering business that has served celebrities.

The couple further professionalized the industry and the couple's business has now become the standard for catering excellence in Batangas.

"I think what really sets us apart from the others, aside from the taste of the food and the artistic presentation, is the personal touch we put in every function that we have," Alex said.

## Love, food romance

Coming from a family of caterers in Cavite, Alex studied civil engineering. But catering, which was his first love, remained in his heart.

"I went to work in Saudi Arabia that time to earn enough capital to finance the catering business I was planning. There I met another love, Teresita, who shared the same passion," Alex said, "and I married her."

Alex and Teresita used the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as their training ground for their food and catering business by putting up a small restaurant in Al-Khodair campsite where Alex worked.

They provided the food for the Al-Khodair Filipino and foreigner-workers and those in the nearby hospital.

"I remember how hard it was then," Teresita said, "I was pregnant with Juan Carlo and we would go to the wet market to buy fresh meat and vegetables. We also made *daing* and our own *bagoong* for our Filipino customers to have a taste of home."

The couple even cooked exotic Arabian, Egyptian, Indian, Pakistani, Palestinian and Tunisian dishes, thus, contributing to their knowledge in international cuisine.

Their business went on for more than a year until Alex was given a new assignment in Aqaba, making it impossible for them to continue the operation of their restaurant.

That time, Alex has been spending most of his spare time attending private teachings and training by several Filipino and foreign chefs he met and befriended.

In 1995, the couple decided to go home to the Philippines.

## Juan Carlo—the Caterer

In August 1995, Juan Carlo—the Caterer was born in Batangas.

The Del Rosario couple first started with a small booth in the parking area at P. Burgos corner Rizal Avenue in Batangas City and introduced Shawarma, an Arabian sandwich preparation, to Batangueños.

**PRESENTATION** is a key ingredient.

**THE** table setting used in Ramon Revilla Jr. and Lani Mercado's wedding.

But the Shawarma booth was forced to close in three months to give way to the construction of the Metrobank building. In November of the same year, the Del Rosarios started the catering business.

With borrowed props from his family of caterers in Cavite, their family-handed recipes and cutlery to go with what they had saved from years of working in Saudi Arabia, the couple braved their first catering function in the Philippines.

This was during the inauguration of the laboratory extension of St. Patrick's Hospital in the city. Three more deals were negotiated and confirmed from that occasion.

Since then, every exposure would mean more calls for reservation and more clients. The catering business boomed. In the months that followed, Juan Carlo—the Caterer became a household name and a must for every occasion in the province.

Only on its sixth month of operation, Juan Carlo had its biggest project: catering to 3,000 guests who attended the golden anniversary celebration of Mt. Carmel of Lipa. This was followed five months later by their most glamorous and star-studded project so far—the wedding of Ogie Alcasid to former Ms Australia, Michelle Van Eimeren.

Juan Carlo made another leap in Cavite when it catered at the Bong Revilla and Lani Mercado wedding in Bacoor where 3,000 guests came to grace the occasion.

Juan Carlo was also the caterer of Batangas personalities like Justice Secretary Hernando Perez, Batangas Gov. Hermilando Mandanas, Batangas City Mayor Eduardo Dimacuha, Taal Mayor Librado Cabrera, Gen. Jose Aquino and Commissioner Edgar Mendoza.

In October 1996, Juan Carlo ventured into canteen management and became the canteen concessionaire of the JG Summit Petrochemical Plant in Barangay Simlong, Batangas City, followed the following year by Universal Robina Corp., also in the city.

Proving that he can also manage a fine-dining restaurant, Alex became the concessionaire of the exclusive Caltex Banaba Clubhouse on Sept. 11, 1999.

## Copycats

Since Juan Carlo entered into the Batangas catering business, more and more caterers have emerged and copied Alex's concepts and even bragged of a lower price per plate.

"What really happens is that they would tell the customers that they can give the artistic presentation and taste that Juan Carlo could give at a very low price. When the customer grabs their package because of the lower costs, they would regret it in the end, because Juan Carlo's techniques can never be duplicated," Alex said.

Every year, Juan Carlo presents a new concept for their functions.

Another misconception of some customers upon seeing the site arrangement and food presentation done by Juan Carlo was that the food and service were beyond the reach of the common Batangueño.

"The truth is, despite the artistic presentation and taste, we have one of the lowest rates at P250 per plate," Teresita said, "that is very affordable for Batangueños. But still some people think that we charge high rates, which is not true."

## Catering is art

Alex said he made use of his engineering background in preparing for every function.

Four male chefs do the cooking now, a job that Alex used to do as a one-man caterer when they first started.

"Our chefs used to be carpenters, farmers and electricians. Definitely, they didn't have any background in international cuisine when they first started. But I trained them and even hired international chefs as consultants. Now they can cook the best-tasting international dishes and even debate on the arrangement and presentation of appetizers," Alex said.

Juan Carlo never compromises on quality. When the color of a dish is not right, Alex would never serve it.

## Hardwork

Since the business started in 1995, the couple still wakes up as early as 4 a.m. and sleeps as late as 1 a.m. the next day. Alex still does the marketing for the fresh vegetables and meat.

He said that hard work is the key to success in the business.

"You also have to be in the best shape to work real hard because now, we have as many as four big functions a day. And you always have to be there. This business is too demanding and if your health is not in good condition, chances are, you won't make it," he added.

The husband-and-wife team has also proven to be a perfect combination. Alex is the risk-taker while Teresita is the fiscalizer. But they always agree in the end.

## Passion for perfection

The biggest catering business in the province now has over 150 part-time waiters and 60 full-time employees. It also runs two company canteens, one in Nestlé Lipa City that implements the highest standards of food preparation and serving, and the other one in Caltex Banaba Clubhouse in Batangas City, catering to the company's diplomats and high-ranking officials.

As the only credited member of the Food Caterers Association of the Philippines in Batangas province, Juan Carlo—the Caterer made the great leap in showing Batangueños that good food and artistic presentation can come in an affordable package.

"Looking back from where we started and where we are now, I think we have fulfilled one great legacy for all food enthusiasts," Alex said, "and the best thing there is that we have expressed our passion to make each catering service a masterpiece."

"We have served the VIPs of the province, and we are still growing," Teresita said.

# Turning cogon grass to cash

**By Anselmo Roque**
*PDI Central Luzon Desk*

CABANATUAN CITY—A 47-year-old housewife from Nueva Ecija has proven that creativity and determination can make a difference in life.

Lina Costales of Barangay Villa Rosenda in Talugtog, Nueva Ecija, is now cashing in on the lowly cogon grass by turning various products for local and foreign buyers.

Her business has also provided livelihood for other housewives in her town, an income better than what they used to earn from farming.

Three years ago, Costales saw a flower vase made of pine twigs in a neighbor's house. Studying it carefully, she told herself that she could make better products using the same techniques. She borrowed the vase and showed it to her husband, a farmer.

She said that instead of pine trees, which do not grow in their area, they could use cogon grass as material for various handicraft products.

Costales, who only finished Grade 3, asked her husband to get a bundle of cogon grass, which is considered a weed in farming areas. She started making a hat without following any design or pattern.

"I just sewed the little bunches of cogon grass and fashioned these into a hat. It turned out to be a beautiful hat," Costales told the INQUIRER.

She gave the hat to her husband who strutted around the village and the town's *poblacion* wearing it, attracting the attention of people who found the hat unique and functional.

Later, the Talugtog municipal government was invited to join an agro-industrial fair at the Central Luzon State University where the Costales' cogon hats were featured in the town's booth.

### Array of products

Today, Costales has an array of handicraft products made of cogon. These include baskets, fruit trays, sewing boxes, lampshades, place mats and decorative jars, hats and bags. She also made Christmas trees and stars. Her products have been sold abroad through a businesswoman who visited her and saw her products.

Locally, she has accepted orders for tailor-made designs to enhance the packaging of products like wine.

Costales was also invited to exhibit her products in big shopping malls in Metro Manila and in this city.

In a display of her products in a Metro Manila mall during the last Christmas holidays, she had brisk sales of big Christmas trees made of cogon grass.

Costales creates the designs for her particular handicraft products, but she said she does not sketch these.

"It's in my mind," she said. "If I copy a design, it will take a longer time for me to finish the product."

Costales has 16 workers, including a daughter who also joins her in various trade exhibits.

She has also conducted training-seminars for different women's groups. She said, however, that none have so far has come up with products similar to what she had been producing.

She said some nuns from Malaysia had asked her to train their wards but she declined.

Costales said the business has given her family a better life.

### Going abroad

The Department of Trade and Industry in Nueva Ecija said a Metro Manila-based firm that exports handicrafts noticed Costales' woven cogon products in regional trade fairs.

LINA'S COGON PRODUCTS

**COSTALES' products include jars, hats and bags.**

That firm, according to the DTI, has ordered Costales' products for a foreign market.

A furniture firm ordered cogon place mats from Costales to serve as accessories to its rattan furniture. The firm is joining an international fair in Germany soon and Costales' cogon products will be displayed along with the firm's furniture.

A women's organization from Quezon City also ordered cogon wine holders from Costales. The holders will be used for the rice wine that the group is marketing.

"Costales is a good example how to become an entrepreneur. She is turning a common grass into cash," a DTI report said.

**THE young Camahort was initially intimidated by the male dominated advertisingworld.**

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PAC. (Singer was then an account and they were given the privilege of buying the products on installment terms).

She became a regular employee after three months and had to shelve her jeans and shirts during her trainee days for suits and skirts. That, she says was where her money went—investment dressing.

At that time she still lived with her parent and the family driver would bring her to and from work.

PAC then was the advertising agency of San Miguel beer. In fact PAC was set up by the marketing man of San Miguel, PAC handled the account for a decade until McCann Erickson Phils. Inc. won the account in the mid-80s.

Mitos stayed with PAC for a decade. She was involved in the planning and implementation of promotions for the San Miguel softdrinks division and was later prompted as an account supervisor handling accounts like Pale Pilsen, Gold Eagle and Magnolia dairy products.

She said she loved staying in the office because it was like a family. After office they would often eat out or go out with clients. She says their hang-out was the Joni's Bakeshop across the PAC office along Arnaiz Ave.

Although there were openings in the creative department, she never took them. She says she got stuck with account management.

Her first major trip for herself was a trip to Hong Kong.

Just before the Edsa Revolution in 1986, she got married and spent their honeymoon in San Francisco. They were stuck there for a few weeks.

By the time she left PAC in 1989, she was earning some P40,000 to P50,000 a month – an amount she thought was substantial until she compared notes with some of her colleagues in the industry.

In 1990, Louie Morales set up Image Dimensions Advertising and invited her to join him. She did. She was hired as SVP/head of account management, and was responsible for strategic planning and overall management of accounts and client operations.

By 1998, she was put in charge of setting up the direct marketing arm of Image Dimensions and became the president of Direct Image Dimensions from 1999 to August 2001, after which she was assigned president of the advertising agency.

Some of the clients of Image Dimensions are Bank of the Philippines Islands, Philippine Beverage, Sugarland.

Although her work entails a lot of people relating, she confesses she is a homebody who used to do cross-stitch, crochet and oil painting.

But she did love to entertain and in the first few years of her marriage when her husband was still running the Kublai's Rock restaurant, she would invited friends to her house and cook.

With her responsibilities however, there is not much time for her hobbies.

She relaxes from the pressures of work by taking her of her 4-year-old daughter Monica.

"I distress with Monica. On weekends I put work aside and take care of her," she says.

But despite the nerve-racking business she is in, Mitos likes what she is doing and has no regrets pursuing what she accidentally got into a couple of decades ago.

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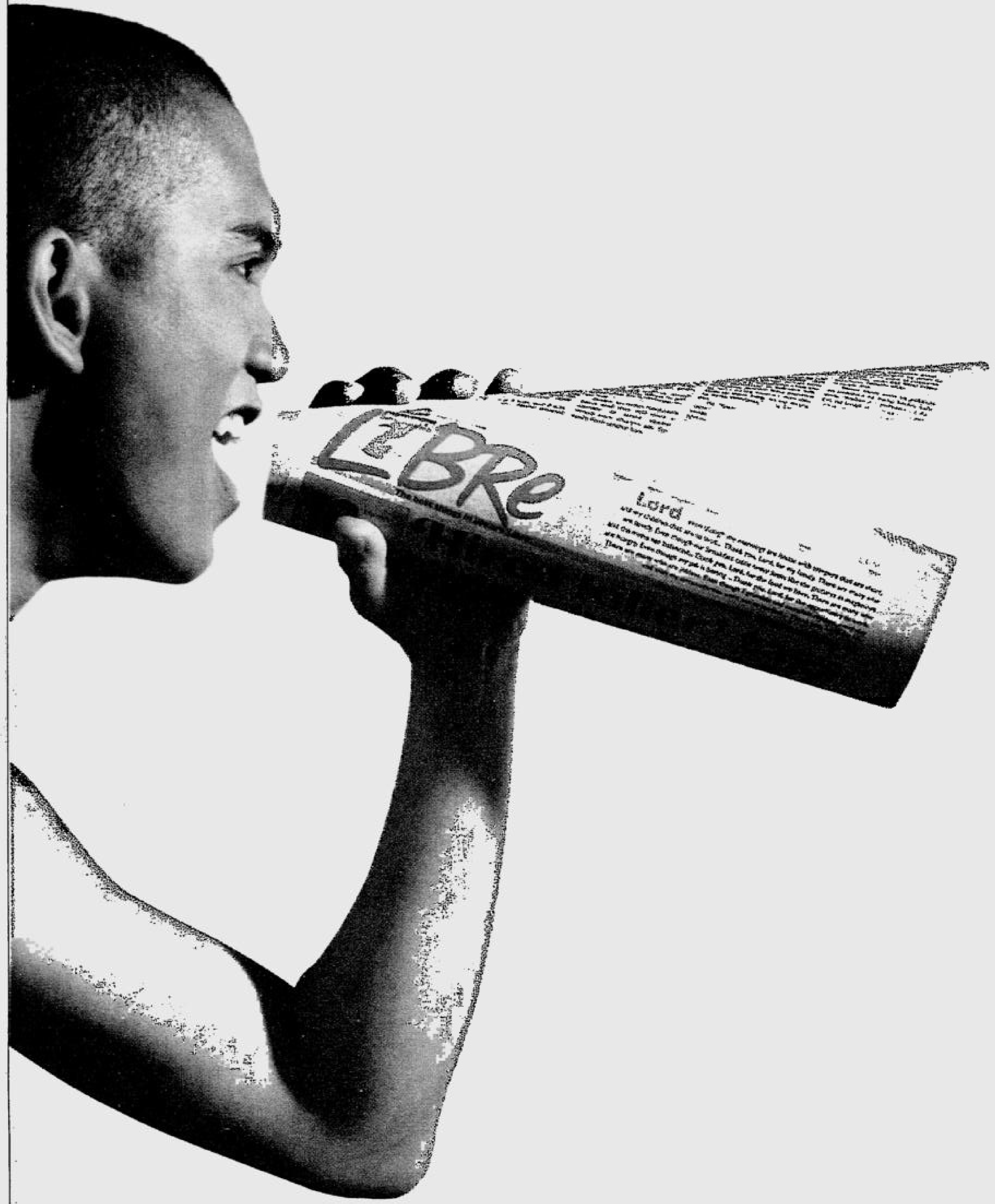

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# RP shopping culture saves retail industry

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was the first fully enclosed multilevel mall to operate in the Philippines.

Now about 40 years after it made inroads in the retail industry, it is in the middle of redevelopment plans to breathe new life into its retail outlets, especially now that the Araneta Center sits at the crossroads of two major transportation routes—one running north to South and the other running east to west.

Gogoy Avelino, Araneta Center's vice president for marketing, says the multimillion redevelopment programs were backed up by market research that shows there is room in the local retail market for more malls.

While other developments cater to the A and B markets, the Araneta Center remains true to its mission to provide shopping convenience for the greatest number.

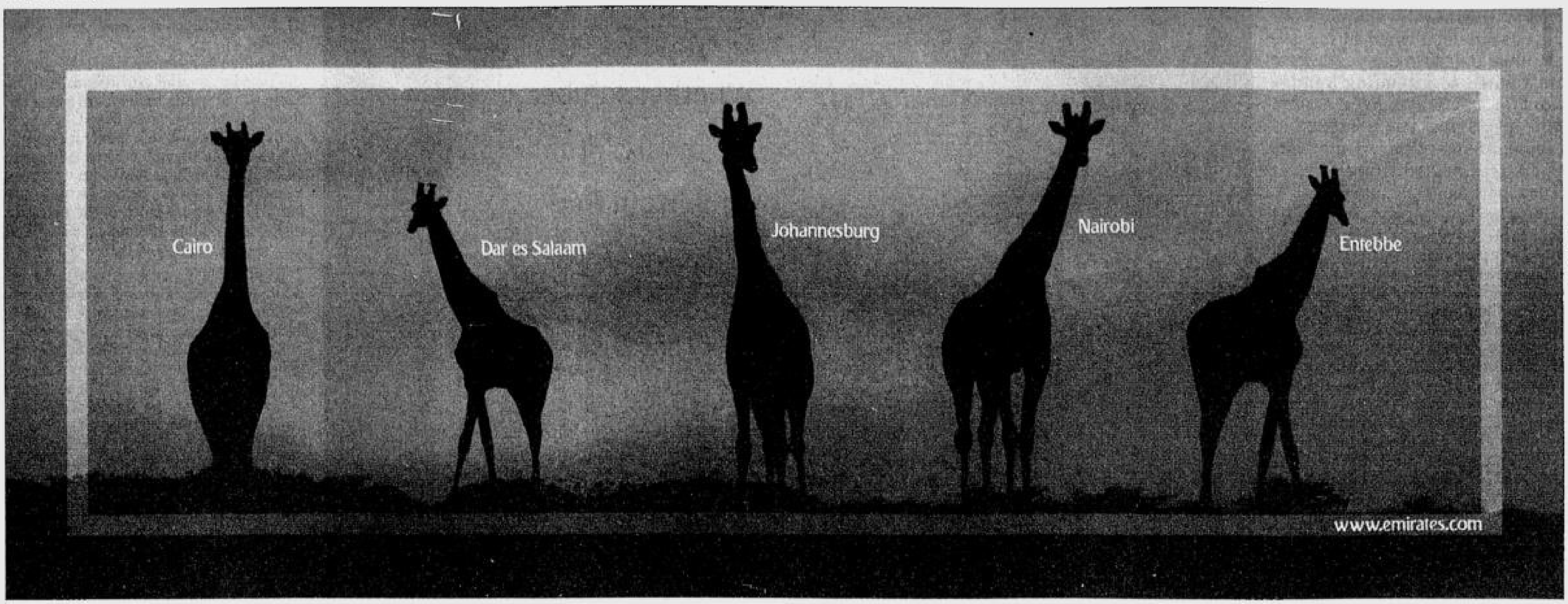
Thus, it keeps the broad B and C target markets, with expansion programs to catch some of the B and A crowd.

"I believe that the Filipino mentality is different when it comes to the malls. We don't just go to the mall to shop, it has become a promenade because everything is already there," Avelino explains.

The Araneta Center kicked off its retail redevelopment program with the construction of a fine-dining area around the revered Araneta Coliseum, once the biggest in the world.

The Coliseum Circle is now home to a number of restaurants featuring Filipino, Chinese and Japanese food.

Araneta Center also completely renovated the Farmer's Plaza.



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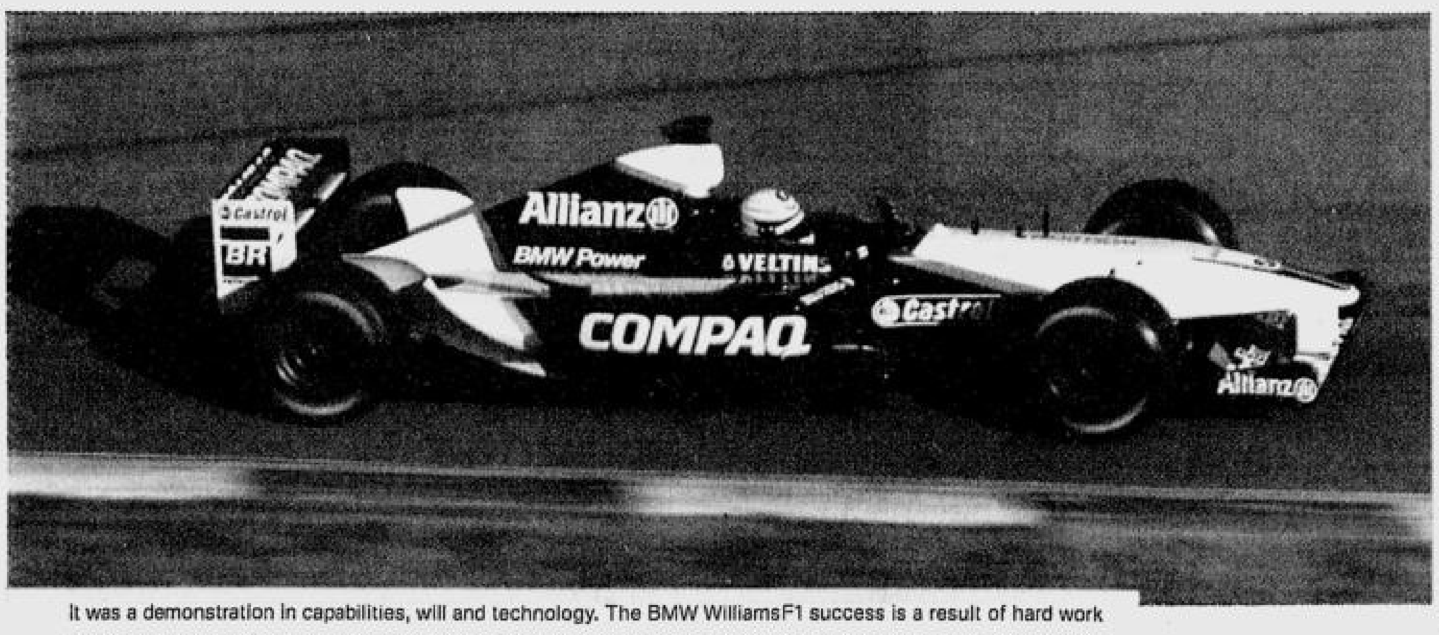

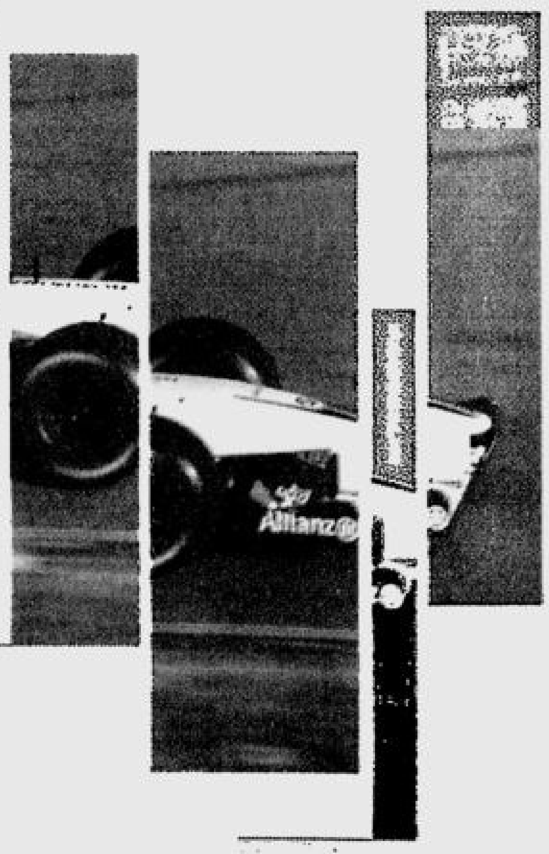

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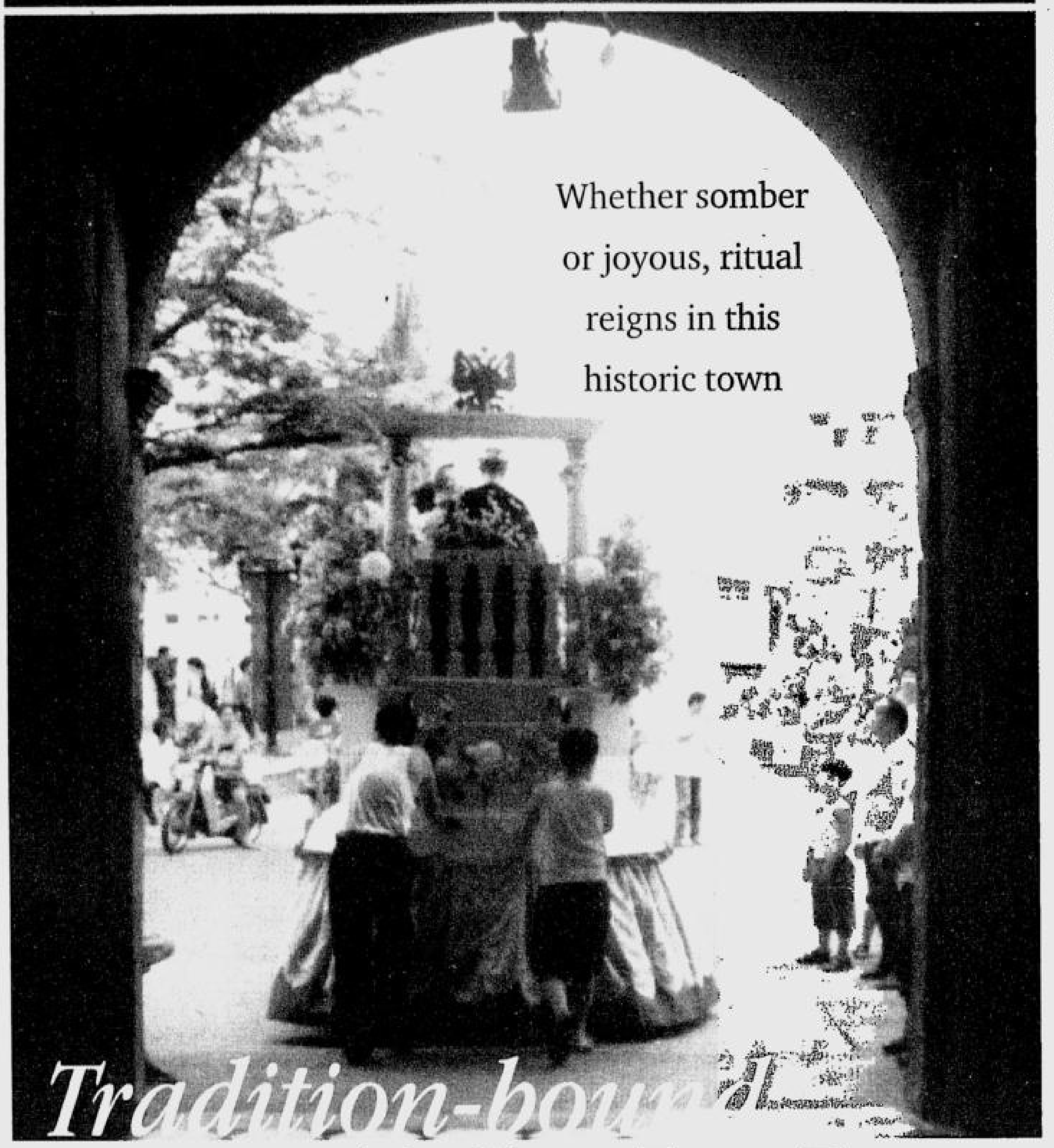


Whether somber or joyous, ritual reigns in this historic town

# Tradition-bound Malolos

Text and photos
by Patrick C. Kimpo

THE CHRISTIAN values that our parents inculcated in my siblings and me in our youth were not limited to attending Sunday worship and praying the rosary. Our upbringing also consisted of experiences that made us observers of Christian traditions and, at times, participants as well.

These values, which we have treasured through the years, are a sign of our loyalty to and affirmation of our faith. Holy Week is Christianity's time-honored tradition. It is an event more important than Christmas, the Church proclaims, despite the fact that Christmas overshadows it.

It was in Malolos, the historic capital of the province of Bulacan, that our parents exposed us to Christendom's holiest event. I trace my roots in that town where my maternal grandfather was born and raised and where most of our relatives still reside.

On Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week, worshippers bearing *palaspas* (palm fronds) flock to Malolos' three churches—Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo (or Barasoain Church), Basilica Minore de la Immaculada Concepcion (Malolos Cathedral) and Paroquia de Santa Isabel de Hungria.

It is believed that *palaspas* blessed by the priests and subsequently brought home and displayed will ward off evil.

A unique ritual is practiced in Santa Isabel during Palm Sunday. As early as 7 a.m. worshippers line a narrow street from the *Bisita ng* San Rafael up to the altar of Santa Isabel. The street, on which only the priest and his lay ministers are allowed to walk, is draped with the *tapis* (overskirts) and *manto* (veils) of old women who make this ritual their yearly vow (or *panata*). The priest blesses the palms held up by the worshippers and makes a brief stop at each of five small stages put up along the way on which stand children dressed in white strewing flower petals while chanting the Hosanna.

Upon reaching the altar, the priest celebrates Mass while the old women gather the petals on their *tapis* and *manto*, making sure that not a single one falls to the ground. They then boil the petals in water (believed to have curative powers) or scatter these in the rice fields (to bring about a bountiful harvest).

### 'Pabasa'

There may seem to be a lull in activities the day after Palm Sunday. The only constant reminder of the week's solemn theme is the reading (*pabasa*) of the *Pasyon* in *bisitas* situated in almost every barangay in Malolos.

Read from an adaptation of "Pasyong Henesis" authored in 1884 by noted Bulakeño Mariano Pilapil, the *pabasa* commences on the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday and continues every Sunday thereafter.

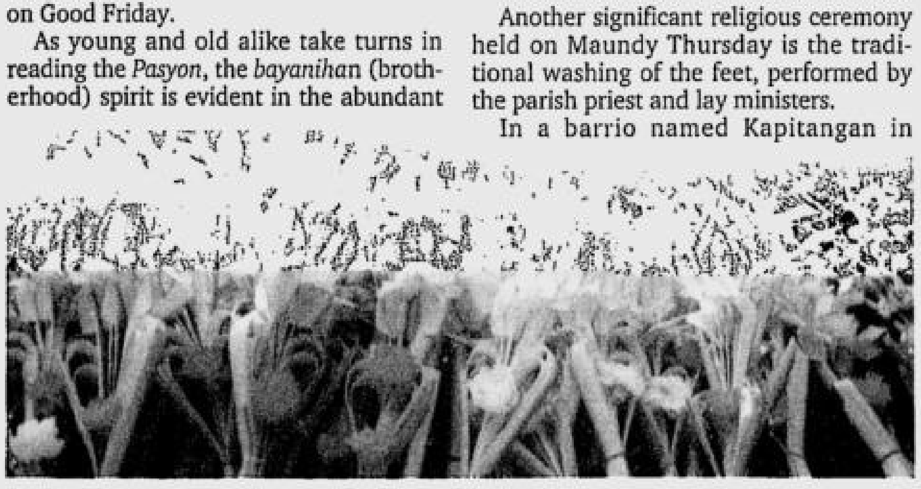
After Palm Sunday, readings are done daily on a 24-hour basis and end at noon on Good Friday.

As young and old alike take turns in reading the *Pasyon*, the *bayanihan* (brotherhood) spirit is evident in the abundant food brought in by the townsfolk. The practice is called *lansak*, with the whole community gathering together in a chapel to read the *Pasyon*, fortified with ample food and drink. It goes back to the bacchanalian practice of enjoying abundant food and liquor at such occasions as baptisms and weddings. Nowadays, water, soda or fruit juice is served in lieu of alcoholic beverages, although men sometimes still partake of the latter.

Maundy Thursday is usually reserved for the *Visita Iglesia*, when the faithful visit as many churches as they can. When the traffic was not yet a "Calvary," the route we took on our way to Malolos was the MacArthur Highway, along which are found churches in every town in Bulacan. By the time we reached Malolos, we were sure of having completed the customary 14 church visits, the number symbolizing the Stations of the Cross.

Another significant religious ceremony held on Maundy Thursday is the traditional washing of the feet, performed by the parish priest and lay ministers.

In a barrio named Kapitangan in Paombong, a town adjacent to Malolos, another ritual is performed at the stroke of midnight of Maundy Thursday. Elders wash the image of the crucified Christ in the ritual called *paliligo*. The water used—collected in a basin—is believed to have healing effects on devotees who wipe it on their bodies.



A WEALTH of palms

### 'Kristong Lasing'

Malolos is replete with ceremony on Good Friday, with each of the town's three churches conducting its own activities.

The townsfolk hold the *Via Crucis* (Way of the Cross) starting at 4 a.m. The *bisitas* in each barangay are designated as stations, and the parish church stands as the 14th.

In Barrio Canalate, the day begins with a spectacle of a *Kristong Lasing* (drunken Christ). A man portraying Christ walks the streets and some spectators hand him a bottle of beer or two, as well as other drinks. The ritual is purportedly a symbol of Christ resisting temptation to be able to endure the task assigned to him by God the Father. But it actually has no biblical basis, and the man portraying Christ usually ends up dead drunk.

As the morning progresses, flagellants start appearing on the narrow streets of Malolos.

Their faces covered, stripped to the waist, and walking barefoot, they make their way to Kapitangan and into the courtyard where they continue to whip their backs with rough-hewn lashes tipped with short, thin reeds of bamboo. They kneel at each Station of the Cross, prostrate themselves, and receive from a friend or relative body blows with bundled rubber strips bound to a wooden handle light but strong enough to inflict intense pain.

Approaching noon, townsfolk and foreign and local tourists walk for an hour from Malolos to witness actual crucifixions (*pagpapako*).

The "Kristos"—usually men, but lately including women—each carry a cross through the streets leading to the *bisita*. Upon reaching the stage in the courtyard, they are disrobed and nailed to the cross with stainless steel spikes, one after the other. They remain thus crucified for more than five minutes as the crowd sings the *Ama Namin* (Our Father).

The men and women who take part in the flagellation and crucifixion perform these rituals as their *panata*, to atone for their sins or ask a favor from God, such as the healing of a sick family member.

Kapitangan became famous for *pagpapako* ahead of Barangay Cutud in San Fernando City, Pampanga, which has lately been getting much of the publicity and corresponding attention.

### 'Carrozas'

As dusk begins to settle in Malolos on Good Friday, the townsfolk prepare to assemble their *carrozas* (carriages) outside each of the three churches.

Holy Week in Malolos will not be complete without the processions of various images, numbering about 28 for each parish and depicting the stages of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

The affluent families of Malolos—among them the Aniags, Bautistas, Reyeses, Santoses, Tantocos and Valencias—display family-owned images that are mostly antique and garbed in colorful costumes. (Nicanor G. Tiongson, former chair of the Movies and Television Review and Classification Board, owns one of the impressive *carrozas* that take part in the procession.)

Later, the townsfolk converge in an open field where a large stage has been erected for the *Senakulo*. The stage play reenacting Christ's passion and death traces its origin as a pre-war business in Malolos. The dearth of talents allows actors to play dual roles because no lines are memorized and all dialogue is pre-recorded and played during the performance.

Three barangays in Malolos-Caingin, Matimbo and Tikay—continue to stage the play annually.

Black Saturday in Malolos takes a very somber mood—no activities take place during the day. Toward midnight, the faithful flock to the churches to attend the *Misa ng Apoy at Langis* (Mass of Fire and Oil). They bring them candles, oil, and even water for blessing.

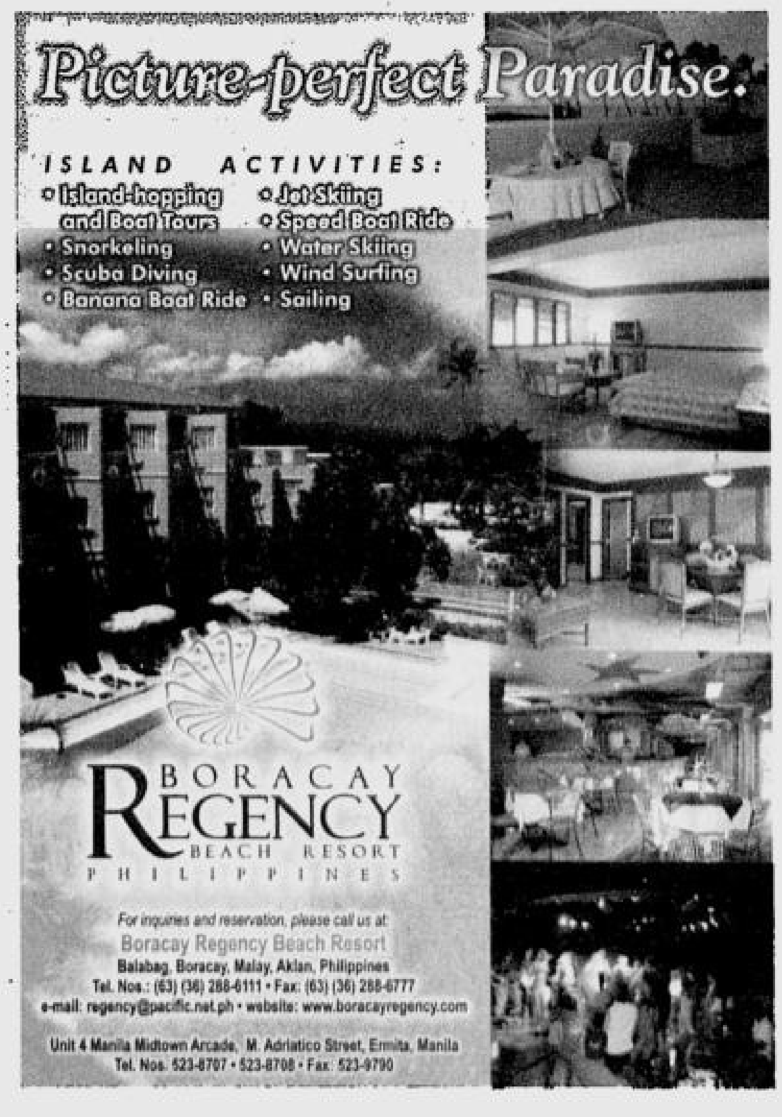
After the Mass, others stay for a vigil in anticipation of Easter Sunday.

The *Araw ng Pagkabuhay* (Resurrection), which ends the Lenten season, starts as early as 5 a.m. when church bells ring and worshippers gather to watch a procession of about 10 *carrozas*. The *carrozas* take two routes—one for men and the other for women—that start from and end at the church.

At last, the traditional *Salubong* (Meeting) can then be witnessed, where a girl dressed in an angel's costume steps on to a small elevated platform from where she removes the black veil shrouding the image of the Blessed Mother.

A short display of fireworks comes next, followed by a Mass. Easter Sunday starts and ends in a festive mood.

A CARRIAGE being prepared for a procession that will begin and end at the Barasoain Church (top)



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# RP shopping culture saves retail industry

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

MOST companies in the Philippines have written off the year 2001 as one of the worst years in recent memory. The banking sector is wallowing in bad debts, the manufacturing sector is virtually at a standstill, exports have dropped considerably and agriculture just manages to hang in there.

These debilitating effects of the global economic downturn, exacerbated by the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, further weakened the Filipinos' purchasing power.

But these are not stopping the typical Filipino from flocking to the malls. One look at the malls filled to overflowing due to the Christmas rush would lead all to believe that all is well and good in the local economy.

For mall operators, at least, the economy could not be better with customers continuing to do to the malls and spend their money on food, entertainment and other products sold at the malls.

This is the main reason why the retail property sector remains one of the bright spots in the property market, according to property consultancy firm FPD Savills.

Prime evidence is the continuing expansion of the biggest retail chains such as the SM group and Robinsons and the redevelopment of the retail sections of property developers Araneta group and the Ayala Center, while other countries are struggling to fill up their retail outlets.

With so much additional space slated to be in place over the next few years, the name of the game is how to get the Filipino shoppers, who spend an average of four to five hours in a mall, to splurge in their mall, and not on the competition's.

The INQUIRER talked to four of these big players in the retail and property sectors and they shared their strategies and views on how to get those cash registers to continue ringing, despite the economic difficulties.

### Robinsons Land Corp.

The Robinsons group posted an average 20 percent growth in 2001 despite the economic difficulties, which it attributed mainly to the fact that going to the malls has become a major part of the Filipino lifestyle.

This means that in good times and in bad, Filipinos will continue to go to the malls.

"Every time there is a crisis, shopping is still there because people still want to go out of their houses. For many Filipinos, they consider going to the mall as a way to spend quality time with their family. There they can do everything like eat, watch a movie and shop," says Robinsons vice president for lease Minda V. Carpio.

Carpio says the secret to a successful mall is the good location and the tenant mix. This means that there should be enough variety to suit all kinds of markets, and this variety will contribute to creating a shopping experience that will separate Robinsons malls from the rest.

The tenant mix, Carpio explains, is determined by the primary market that the mall will cater to. For a more upscale surrounding, for instance, such as Ermita where many Chinese businessmen reside, name brand stores such as Esprit and Guess will have to be put in.

Conversely, a mall located in a mostly residential area such as Novaliches in Quezon City will have to be packed with more local and value stores to suit the market.

"Each Robinsons market has a different mix, a different personality as our way to keep customers coming in. We test various retail concepts based on our marketing research," adds Carpio.

The usual mix covers retail outlets, restaurants and recreation centers such as movie houses and even a children's playground.

Carpio says it is crucial for Robinsons to provide something other than just shopping, because malls cater primarily to families.

"We position ourselves as a mall that provides a complete package for the family such that children can go to a recreation center, while parents shop and the teenagers can probably catch our many shows throughout the year," Carpio says.

She says that coming up with the good tenant mix and developing the right kind of atmosphere for Robinsons allowed the retail chain to put up four additional malls this year—Robinsons Place Iloilo (in the Visayas region), Robinsons Place Novaliches, Robinsons Metro East (also in Metro Manila) and Robinsons Starmills, Pampanga (three hours north of Metro Manila).

"We believe in the Philippines and we still see many untapped areas that present good opportunities for expansion," she says.

Carpio discloses that Robinsons has scheduled the opening of five more outlets over the next two years, and all would be located in the provinces.

These are Robinsons Place Lipa, Batangas; Dasmariñas, Cavite; Dagupan, Pangasinan; Sta. Rosa, Laguna; (all in the main island of Luzon) and Cagayan de Oro in Mindanao.

Carpio says a foreign consultant on the retail sector was surprised that the Philippines can afford to have several malls operating just kilometers away or even right across each other.

She just explains that whatever happens, Filipinos will continue to go to the malls.

### Shoemart

The Shoemart group of Filipino-Chinese taipan Henry Sy continues to blaze the way in the local mall industry. Like the other big retailers, it has achieved positive sales growth despite these trying economic times.

Shoemart's marketing director Millie Dizon says in an interview, however, that sales could have been better if not for the series of events that occurred this year in both the domestic and international front These include the country's political and economic crisis, and the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The past year has been manageable, despite the difficulties. Whatever slowdowns that happened we addressed through aggressive retail strategies. Generally, the scenario this year was better than that of 1997," Dizon says.

The negative events this year, however, did not deter the Shoemart group from successfully opening two new malls this year—the SM Supercenter Sucat and SM City Davao. The SM Sucat has a hypermarket, while SM Davao is the first mall in the Mindanao region.

The SM group feels especially proud of the Davao mall as it comes at a time when most foreign investors were shying away from the Mindanao region, affected as it is by the Abu Sayyaf terrorist problem and the spate of kidnappings.

Dizon believes that the competitive pricing and improved merchandise assortments added shopping excitement to its customers, such that they don't feel that if they go one SM mall, they've seen it all.

Looking forward, Shoemart maintains its plan to open up two more malls every year, despite the difficulties.

"In line with this, the organization has, in the past years, been constantly upgrading its information technology to meet its needs. SM also looks forward to constantly improving to serve customers nationwide," Dizon says.

"By constantly updating and adapting to change, we remain No. 1 in retailing," Dizon adds.

One of these changes, for instance, was the renovation of one section of Megamall, Shoemart's biggest mall, into a dining and entertainment section called the Megastrip.

The Megastrip was borne out of the demand by the young generation for hip and young entertainment and dining areas such as new coffee shops and concept stores.

Another adaption was The Podium, at the back of Megamall, which was developed as a high-end retail mall, filled with name brand stores.

### Araneta Center

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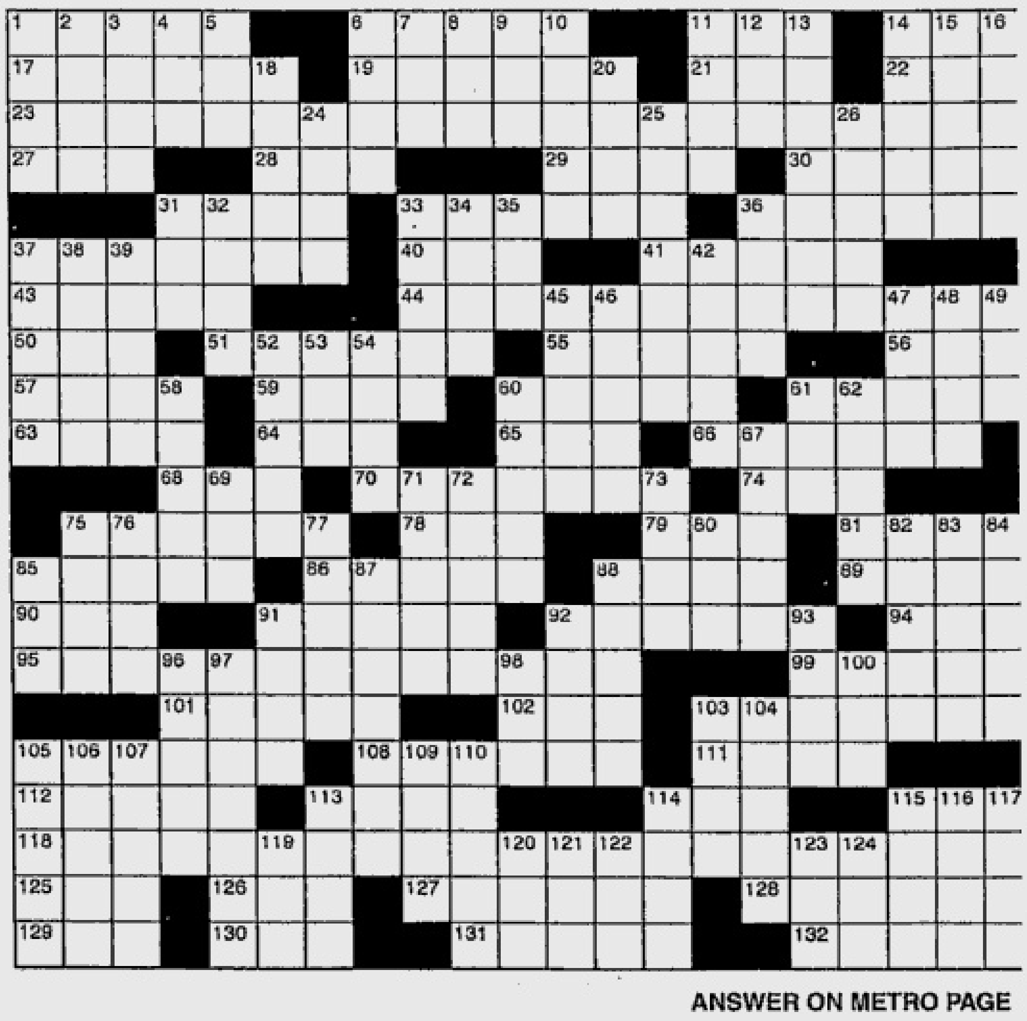

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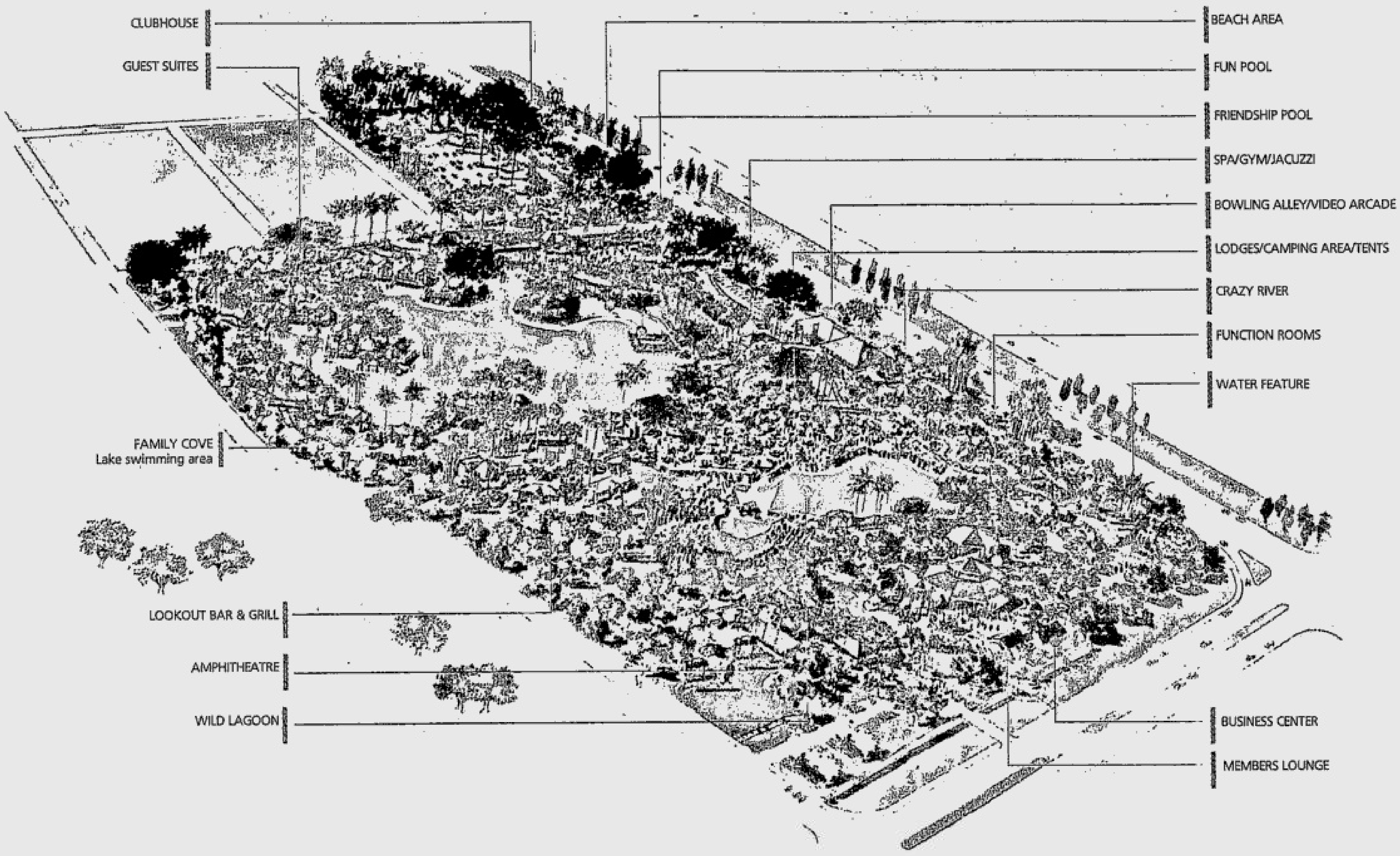
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☑ Knowledge of AutoCAD R14 or later version a must.

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**ON 19 APRIL 2002**

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| 11. | 81 sq.m. TCT No. C-346647 w/ 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow | Lot 16 Blk. 10 Villa Magdalena II, Novaliches, Quezon City | 395,100.00 |
| 12. | 134 sq.m. TCT No. 409378 w/ 1BR and 1 T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 10-A Sagittarius St., Life Homes Subd., Ampid, San Mateo, Rizal | 431,800.00 |
| 13. | 169 sq.m. TCT No. 409379 w/ 2BR and 1 T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 1-C-10-B-5-D Espiritu Cmpd., Poblacion, Montalban, Rizal | 473,000.00 |
| 14. | 115 sq.m. TCT No. 412784 w/ 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow | Lot 22-A-2 #99-A Champagnat St., Marikina Heights, Marikina City | 801,400.00 |
| 15. | 94 sq.m. TCT No. 661299 w/ 2BR and 1 T&B poorly maintained bungalow | Lot A-1-A Xylomelum St., Pasig Green Park Village, Cainta, Rizal | 584,800.00 |
| 16. | 170 sq.m. TCT 661298 w/ 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow | Lot 25 Blk. 6 Daisy St., Cainta Greenland Subd., Cainta, Rizal | 777,900.00 |
| 17. | 543 sq.m. TCT No. M-37808 w/ 4BR and 2 T&B deteriorated 1-storey duplex | No. 176 J.P. Rizal Ave., Bo. Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal | 783,800.00 |
| 18. | 120 sq.m. TCT 490931-R w/ 2BR and 1 T&B fairly maintained bungalow | No. 26 Bartolomew L46 B3 Villa Julita Subd., San Fernando, Pampanga | 538,200.00 |
| 19. | 264 sq.m. TCT No. 500249-R cannibalized bungalow | Lot 16 Blk. 16 Hizon Street, Mamatitang, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 181,800.00 |
| 20. | 216 sq.m. TCT No. 500237-R w/ 2BR and 1 T&B deteriorated 1-storey residential | No. 2843 Yellowbell Street, Brgy. Village, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 194,300.00 |
| 21. | 450 sq.m. TCT No. 498442-R w/ 4BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 1600-A Joven St., Babo Sacan, Porac, Pampanga | 467,600.00 |
| 22. | 200 sq.m. TCT No. 385791-R w/ 2BR and 2T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | Lot 9 Blk. 2 St. Anthony Subd. Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 454,000.00 |
| 23. | 153 sq.m. TCT No. 498751-R w/ 3BR and 2T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | Jasmin St., Purok Gloria II Subd. Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 306,400.00 |
| 24. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 500248-R w/ 4BR and 2T&B fairly maintained 1-storey duplex | No. 6085 A&B Ubas St., Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 315,900.00 |
| 25. | 214 sq.m. TCT No. 490932-R poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | Purok Gloria Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 227,700.00 |
| 26. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 494055-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained 1-storey single unit | Lot 5 Blk. 69 Lanzones Street, Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 331,900.00 |
| 27. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 382186-R w/ 4BR and 2T&B fairly maintained bungalow | No. 33 & 34 Orchid St., Purisima Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 328,700.00 |
| 28. | 204 sq.m. TCT No. 488348-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 10 Blk. 13 Doña Anastacia Subd., Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 270,500.00 |
| 29. | 229 sq.m. TCT No. 477786-R w/ 4BR and 2T&B fairly maintained 1-storey duplex | Lot 39-B Blk. 6 Golden Land Subd., Mabiga, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 683,500.00 |
| 30. | 168 sq.m. TCT No. 494067-R w/ 4BR and 2T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | #143 & 145 Dama De Noche St., Purok Gloria Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 326,100.00 |
| 31. | 350 sq.m. TCT No. 492553-R w/ 4BR and 1T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | Lot 13 Blk. 7 Airmens Subd., Mauaque, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 584,000.00 |
| 32. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 496567-R w/ 3BR and 2T&B fairly maintained 1-storey residential | #6099 Matiyaga cor. Lanzones St., L1 B62 Duquit, Dau Homesite, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 347,200.00 |
| 33. | 160 sq.m. TCT No. 493588-R w/ 4BR and 2T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | #123&125 Dama De Noche St L3826-I-3 Purok Gloria Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 315,100.00 |
| 34. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 492224-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained bungalow | Lot 24 Blk. 53 Malusog St., Dau Homesite, Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 377,000.00 |
| 35. | 150 sq.m. TCT No. 118499 fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 33 Blk. 42 Dagohoy St., Lourdes Sur, Angeles City | 740,600.00 |
| 36. | 165 sq.m. TCT No. 118390 w/ 3BR and 3T&B fairly maintained 1-storey apartment | Lot 11-A Macapagal St., Belen Homesite, Angeles City | 482,100.00 |
| 37. | 164 sq.m. TCT No. 117953 Lot only | Lot 11-A Don Bonifacio Subd., Angeles City | 328,000.00 |
| 38. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 496871-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | No. 99 Camia St., Purok Gloria Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 210,900.00 |
| 39. | 120 sq.m. TCT No. 498752-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B deteriorated 1-storey residential | Lot 8 Blk. 3 Sto. Domingo Subd., San Fernando, Pampanga | 292,000.00 |
| 40. | 260 sq.m. TCT No. 501982-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 5 Blk. 3 Sta. Maria Homesite Subd., Mabalacat, Pampanga | 265,700.00 |
| 41. | 183 sq.m. TCT No. 493586-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 4 Blk. 4 G. Silang St., Malmpis, San Fernando, Pampanga | 281,500.00 |
| 42. | 160 sq.m. TCT No. 498753-R w/ 2BR and 2T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Los 28-A Blk. 21 Kalayaan Village, San Fernando, Pampanga | 524,500.00 |
| 43. | 153 sq.m. TCT No. 501983-R w/ 2BR and 2T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | No. 167/169 Jasmin St., Purok Gloria II Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 249,200.00 |
| 44. | 257 sq.m. TCT No. 497182-R w/ 2BR and 1T&B fairly maintained bungalow | Lot 1 Blk. 7 Lemens Village, Mabiga, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 394,500.00 |
| 45. | 180 sq.m. TCT No. 496872-R w/ 2BR and 2T&B poorly maintained 1-storey duplex | Ilang-ilang St., Purok Gloria Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga | 285,000.00 |
|  |  | **TOTAL** | **P20,107,700.00** |

Complete description of the properties including Bidding Forms and Instructions to Bidders are available at the Real Estate Department, 5th Floor, SSS Building, East Avenue, Quezon City. Please contact Mr. Tomas M. Ramirez at Telephone No. 920-64-01 local 5122 to 5128.

Sealed bids should be dropped at the Bid Box located at the Real Estate Department, 5th Floor, SSS Building, Quezon City, from 8:00 A.M. to 1:59 P.M. on 19 April 2002. The bids should be labeled Acquired Assets Disposal Committee, Social Security System, East Avenue, Quezon City.

Bidder's deposit, equivalent to at least 10% of the bid price in cash (Philippine money/ U.S. dollar) or in Certified Manager's/Cashier's Check in favor of SSS must be enclosed with the sealed bid. (Any other form or draft purportedly as manner of payment is not acceptable). The bidder must also sign the sealed envelope across its flap. Sealed bid without the bidder's bond will not be entertained.

The Award shall be granted to the highest bidder.

The sale of the properties shall be "As Is, Where Is" and the winning bidder shall undertake the responsibility to acquire and maintain peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property without seeking the assistance of the SSS.

After deducting the bid deposit from the Bid Price, the balance shall be payable in cash within 30 days or an option to amortize within 12 months at 13% rate of interest per annum compounded monthly upon receipt of notice of approval.

The system reserved the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any defect found therein.

All awards shall be subject to the approval of the Social Security Commission whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

(Sgd.) AVP ANTONETTE L. FERNANDEZ
*Vice-Chairperson*
Acquired Assets Disposal Committee

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No transaction or business dealing, done or negotiated by said Florante B. Coronel starting January 18, 2002 on behalf of Loopex shall be honored or accepted by Loopex.

**The Management**

(PDI - March 24, 2002)

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Republic of the Philippines
**PHILIPPINE HEART CENTER**
East Avenue, Quezon City 100 Philippines
Tel. No. 925-2401

## INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND TO BID

The Philippine Heart Center (PHC) invites sealed written bids for six (6) months (July-December 2002) contract Pharma Medical/Laboratory and Foodstuffs Supplies.

Only duly accredited bidders/suppliers will be allowed to participate in the bidding. List of the requirements to be submitted:

1. Letter of Intent
2. SEC Registration
3. Business License
4. License to Operate (BFAD)
5. Financial Statement (last 2 years)
6. ITR (last 2 years)
7. DOH Accreditation
8. Location Map of Office
9. List of Clients

All interested bidders/suppliers must submit their accreditation documents on or before **April 15, 2002** at Purchasing Division.

The PHC serves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder/s if found if they have submitted falsified documents and/or information the right to accept or reject any bid, and annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder/s.

(Sgd.) **ROMEO J. SANTOS, M.D.**
Chairman, PBAC

(PDI – Mar. 22, 23, 24, 28, 31 & Apr. 1, 2002)

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**
**PROCUREMENT SERVICE**

## INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Inter-Agency Bids and Award Committee (IABAC) of the **Procurement Service, Department of Budget and Management** is inviting interested bidders for the **SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF FIREARMS** for the BUREAU OF JAIL MANAGEMENT AND PENOLOGY.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **April 2, 2002** at **9:30 AM** at the Conference Room of the Procurement Service - DBM, at Cristobal Street, Paco, Manila.

Bid documents are available at the PS Purchasing Division. Sealed bids must be submitted not later than **2:00 PM April 16, 2002** after which the same will be opened in the presence of the bidders.

(Sgd.) **ESTANISLAO C. GRANADOS, JR.**
*Director*

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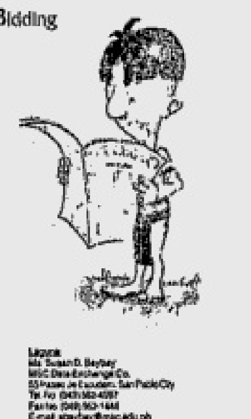

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CASCADE

## INVITATION TO SUBMIT LETTER OF INTEREST FOR Local Technical Assistance/Specialist In HEALTH AND NUTRITION

In the scope of its Social Development component CASCADE is in need of local Technical Assistance/Specialist to provide both technical and managerial assistance in the implementation of its Nutrition and Health Programmes.

Intents are invited from qualified candidates with highly relevant experience to undertake works hereunder described:

- ➢ Review of the existing Programme strategies and plans at the provincial and municipal levels and come up with recommendation to improve strategies;
- ➢ Prepare modified training modules on basic and upgrading courses of Nutrition Programme;
- ➢ Provide regular technical supervision on the implementation of the Nutrition programme in collaboration with the provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Benguet;
- ➢ Provide direct assistance to the provincial offices in the implementation of nutrition related activities in collaboration with the Provincial Nutrition Action Office and the Municipal Nutrition Action Offices;
- ➢ Participate in the preparation of the Annual Work Planning for the Social Development Component of CASCADE.

Candidates must be physically fit to travel in the uplands.

Deadline of Submission of Letter of Intent with full CV shall be on **15 April 2002** and must be addressed to:

**THE PROJECT CO-DIRECTORS**
**DA-CASCADE**
Bonfal West, 3700 Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya
Tel.: (078) 321-4128 or 321-2605
Fax: (078) 321-3611

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CASCADE

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

The *Caraballo and Southern Cordillera Agricultural Development Programme* is an integrated development project of the Department of Agriculture jointly funded by the Government of the Philippines and the European Union.

## Invitation to Local Consultant(s) to submit Letter of Interest Assessment of PMAS Implementation in Nueva Vizcaya

Individual or Team of local consultant(s) are invited to submit letter of interest to assess results and impact of the pilot implementation of Production and Marketing Analysis Service (PMAS) in Nueva Vizcaya. This was jointly implemented by the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) and CASCADE in September 2000-August 2001. Specifically, the consultant will undertake the following:

1. Review the PMAS approach, activities and tools, and come up with specific recommendations for improvement.
2. Assess the role and structure of various stakeholders as partners in implementing the PMAS vis-a-vis its intended function and make necessary recommendations.
3. Determine adoption and utilization rate of farmers, coop members and LGUs and impact of the PMAS trainings vis-a-vis the predicted results and impact.
4. Determine scheme for institutionalizing the PMAS by integrating it in the LGUs' extension activities and plans.

Letters of interest should be submitted no later than **01 April 2002**. This should include interested consultant's relevant track record on agricultural marketing information system, research studies, and monitoring and evaluation in the areas of price monitoring and training design. Full terms of reference and letters of invitation to submit proposals will be issued to short listed candidates before **10 April 2002**. The successful contractor will be required to provide 2 months of consultancy services to undertake aforementioned activities.

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# INQUIRER TRiViA

By BONG BARRAMEDA

## Legal barrier

***Q.*** Why is the legal profession known as 'the bar?'

***A.*** The term dates back to the practice courtrooms of 13th century England. Here, as in the real courtrooms, the judges and presiding officers were separated from the rest of the hall by a railing or barrier known as the *bar*. As students gained experience and advanced standing in their class, they were 'admitted to the bar,' or were now 'within the bar,' and allowed to help preside over the mock trials. These students became known as barristers (a word formed from *bar* and the suffix *-ster*). Eventually the legal system as a whole became known as 'the bar.'

***What's the Difference?*** **Attorney / Lawyer.** Although both terms are used interchangeably, in the strictest usage, an *attorney* is someone, not necessarily a lawyer, who is appointed and authorized to act in place of another, as reflected in the phrase 'power of attorney.' Some *lawyers* call themselves by the term *attorney at law*, which is defined as 'a person admitted to practice law and authorized to perform both civil and criminal legal functions for clients.' Because *lawyer* has gained many negative connotations, many lawyers call themselves *attorneys*. After all, there are a lot of *lawyer* jokes but not many *attorney* jokes. As to *counselor*, it usually refers to a trial lawyer.

**First of All.** On March 30, 1858, Hyman Lipman of Philadelphia patented a pencil with eraser. Before this, people used separate erasers when writing, drawing, figuring. Hyman later sold his patent for $100,000.

**WORD WATCH**

**Bura** : Tagalog corruption of the Spanish *borrar*, 'erase; scratch out.'

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
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Diliman, Quezon City

## INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY

The Government of the Philippines has availed of a loan (NDF Credit No. 327) from the Nordic Development Fund (NDF) for the implementation of Part B, Institutional Capacity Building Program of the Mindanao Basic Urban Services Sector Project (the Project). As the Executing Agency of part B of the Project, the Department of the Interior and Local Government intends to engage the services of an international standard consulting firm (or joint venture) to assist its Project Development Office (PDO).

Areas of assistance required for Part B are: Component A - Project Management Support (PMS) and Component B - Subproject Preparation and Implementation Support (SPIS). The overall objective of the PMS is to assist DILG in terms of overall supervision, coordination, management and implementation of the project as well as the sector development in Mindanao. The SPIS shall support the Project Implementing Units (PIUs) under participating local government units for identifying, selecting, prioritizing investment areas, and preparing feasibility studies of selected sub-component.

Prequalification is open to firms and voluntary formed Joint Ventures from eligible member countries (Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland) of Nordic Development Fund and the Republic of the Philippines. Eligible and suitably experienced firm wishing to offer their services may submit their letter of intent and prequalification documents properly labeled as "Prequalification Documents for Part B: The Institutional Capacity Building Program under the MBUSSP: (i) Component A - Project Management Support; and (ii) Component B - Subproject Preparation and Implementation Support" to the following address not later than **15 April 2002** at 12:00 Noon.

**THE CHAIRMAN**
Prequalification, Bids and Award Committee (PBAC)
Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
10th Floor A. Francisco Gold Condominium II Building
EDSA Corner Mapagmahal Street
Diliman, Quezon City

Eligible applicants may obtain the Prequalification (PQ) Statement forms and Terms of Reference (TOR) from the Office of the Project Development Services (OPDS) at the above mentioned address. For more information, please contact telephone numbers 925-0388, 920-4312, and 929-9601.

(Sgd.) **HON. AGRIPINO S. MORGA**
*Undersecretary for Administration*
*and PBAC Chairman*

(PDI - March 17 & 24, 2002)

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*Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas*
MAYNILA, PILIPINAS

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR PICC PROJECTS

## INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY AND TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) would like to invite all prospective bidders to apply for prequalification for the design, supply and installation of a 5,000 sq.m. PVC Engineered Fabric Membrane Structure (EFMS) at the yellow parking of the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) to serve as its Interim Exhibition Hall. Scope of Work includes furnishing of all materials, labor, tools, equipment, services and other incidentals required to perform: (a) design, supply and installation of EFMS Structure and necessary civil, electrical, mechanical, sanitary and electrical power requirements, (b) land/site development, (c) installation of ancillary facilities, and (d) all other items necessary to complete the work.

**Requirements/Criteria to prequalify to bid for said project are as follows:**

1.0 Should be a single entity which may be a partnership, corporation, joint venture or any other legal entity with a capital of which at least 60% is Filipino owned. The entity should be able to facilitate and provide the necessary architectural and engineering design, supply and contracting services for an Engineered Fabric Membrane Structure (EFMS) and its ancillary facilities to serve as the PICC Interim Exhibition Hall.

2.0 The bidder should have a total working capital of at least Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000.00) as of December 2001, computed as follows: *(Current Assets less Current Liabilities) minus (Value of all outstanding works under on-going contracts including awarded contracts yet to be started)* and a total net worth of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00)

3.0 With a complement of duly licensed and qualified Engineers and Architects with sufficient experience and training to manage, design and certify the required technical drawings and specifications to complete the proposed project.

4.0 Should have a working arrangement with a reputable Engineered Fabric Membrane Structure (EFMS) company with the following background:

- a. *International professional experience for the past five (5) years specializing in the design, assembly, installation and or manufacture of fabric structures for commercial/institutional organizations intended for exhibition, consumer and trade fairs, banquet and special events purposes.*
- b. *Should have supplied and installed at least five (5) similar EFM structures, one of which has a total floor area of at least 5,000 square meters.*
- c. *Should be able to provide a product warranty of at least 15 years for the structural design and 5 years for the fabric against any defects. In case of a joint venture or a partnership, all warranties shall be answered for by the local partner of the bidder.*

5.0 Should have a working arrangement with a General Contractor with a valid Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) License with an Inter Agency Classification (IAC) of Large B (for Building and Industrial Plants) for the past three (3) consecutive years with the following background.

- a. *Has completed in the past five (5) years at least three (3) commercial or institutional construction projects of similar complexity, one of which costs at least Fifty Million (P50,000,000.00) Pesos.*
- b. *Willing to assume all product and work liabilities during and after construction of the EFMS and its mixed civil works requirements.*

6.0 Must submit the following documents.

- a. *Letter of Intent to Bid for the Project*
- b. *Applicable Joint Venture or Partnership agreement establishing the proponents included for the supply and installation requirements of the project*
- c. *Brochures with photos illustrating among others actual installed fabric structures, framing and auxiliary facilities. Include actual photos of local projects, if any.*
- d. *Certificates of satisfactory performance (for at least 2 biggest of the previous fabric structure project installations cited) signed by the client's authorized signatories. Certification form can be obtained from the AHCPP Secretariat. Facsimile or e-mail certifications will be accepted. The Bank reserves the right to validate such certifications and shall automatically disqualify any bidder who falsifies data on these documents or issues fake certifications.*
- e. *Samples of fabric structure material to be proposed.*
- f. *Applicable licenses and certificates such as SEC/DTI Registration, Articles of Incorporation and Business Permit.*
- g. *Audited Financial Statement for the last three (3) years of the proponents.*
- h. *Affidavit declaring that the bidder or any of its subcontractors/consultants has not committed any civil, criminal or local government violations in the practice of their business.*
- i. *Authority to distribute or supply and install the EFMS component of the project.*
- j. *Authenticated copy of Contractor's License, and*
- k. *Contractor's Information Sheet (BSP Form).*

Documents may be obtained from AHCPP Secretariat, Room 204, Second Floor - Five Storey Building, BSP Complex, A. Mabini corner P. Ocampo Streets, Manila. Date and time of issuance is until April 5, 2002, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 nn. Cost of form is two hundred pesos per set (P200.00/set). Deadline of submission of Prequalification Documents is on April 10, 2002.

Notice of Prequalification/Predisqualification shall be issued on April 23, 2002, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 nn at the AHCPP Secretariat together with the issuance of Bid/Tender Documents to prequalified contractors upon payment of the non-refundable cost of the documents (P2,000.00/set).

For inquiries, please call AHCPP Secretariat at Tel. No. 524-7011 local 3143.

Guidelines stipulated in the provisions of Executive Order No. 262 Series of 2000 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, as amended and other applicable rules and regulations shall apply relative to prequalification, bidding, evaluation of bids and award of contract.

BSP reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive any defect or formality therein, or accept such bid or award any part thereof to any contractor/s whose bid/s is/are evaluated to be most advantageous to BSP. Furthermore, BSP is not obligated to compensate/indemnify the contractor for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids nor does it guarantee that an award of contract will be made.

(Sgd.) VICENTE B. VALDEPEÑAS, JR.
Chairman

(Sgd.) JUAN QUINTOS, JR.
Co-Chairman

(PDI – Mar. 24 & 25, 2002)

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**National Power Corporation**

March 18, 2002

## INVITATION FOR ACCREDITATION AND TO BID

The National Power Corporation (NPC) of the Republic of the Philippines invites all interested Cargo Protection Services Providers for Steaming Coal, to accredit and to bid with NPC for One Year Contract Pre-Shipment Inspection of NPC's steaming coal importations for its power plants and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) for the year 2002-2003.

Accreditation forms are available for issuance at the office of the Corporate Fuel Management Department (CFMD), Building 2, Second Floor, NPC-OBC, Diliman, Quezon City upon payment of a registration fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00). Those who have been previously accredited shall re-apply for compliance with the new requirements. Cargo Protection Services Provider with previous dealings/business relations with coal suppliers/traders/producers need not apply.

Accreditation shall be evaluated based on the set of criteria in determining the technical and financial capability to perform the contract. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished accreditation form is on **April 5, 2002**. Bidding among accredited Cargo Protection Service Providers shall be held on **April 26, 2002**.

(Sgd.) **FROILAN A. TAMPINCO**
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*Entrego su alma a su Creador a los 82 años de edad despues de recibir los santos sacramentos y la bendicion apostolica de su santidad.*

Su unica hija **Tonette T. Fritzsche**,
nieto **Jonathan, Yerno, Staffan,**
hermana **Milagros**
suplican a sus amistades encomienden su alma a Dios.

El cuerpo se halla presente en la capilla de la funeraria Cosmopolitan, Nivel Hills, Lahug, Cebu City.

Entierro tomara parte el Domingo, Marzo 24, 2002 despues de la Santa Misa.

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The **Botor** and **Benjamin clan** of **Baao, Camarines Sur** and **Naga City**

*announces with deep sorrow, the passing away of our beloved*

# Ulysses Francis "Yul" Botor y Benjamin

*who died on March 21, 2002 at 7:00 o'clock in the morning at Naga City at the age of 42.*

His remains now lie in state at Funeraria Imperial, Peñafrancia Avenue, Naga City. The burial will be on March 26, 2002 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Eternal Gardens Memorial Park, Balatas, Naga City.

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*In Memoriam...*

On the First Death Anniversary of

## REV. MSGR. GREGORIO E. BALATAN, JR. P.C.

(March 21, 1951 - March 24, 2001)

We, the family and friends of the departed request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of "**PAPO JUN'S**" soul.

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# Ma. Lourdes Duraliza Cedo

of Central Nasugbu, Batangas

*Peacefully joined our Lord on March 20, 2002 at the age of 43.*

Her loving husband **Rolando Cedo**; children **Alden**, **Valery** and **Jermaine**, **Kyle Tedrie**, request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at 134 Central Nasugbu, Batangas.

Interment will be on Wednesday, March 27, 2002, after the 1:00 PM Mass at the CADP Chapel, Central Nasugbu, Batangas.

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*"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*
Matthew 11:28

# NATALIA "Manang Taling" FERMIN CRUZ

Teacher

*Widow of the late **ELISEO L. CRUZ**, peacefully joined her Creator on March 22, 2002 at the age of 89.*

Survived by her only son **GIL F. CRUZ**; daughter-in-law **LILIBETH**; and grandchildren **ELIZA**, **SELINA**, **GIL CARLO**, **JOSEF GIL** and **GAIL**; request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the St. Alphonsus de Liguori, Magallanes Village, Makati City.

Interment will be on Monday, March 25, 2002 at the Everest Hills Memorial Park, Muntinlupa City after the 3:00 p.m. service.

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# AQUILINA SANTIAGO LANSANG

**(Retired Principal, Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School)**

*Peacefully joined her Creator on March 22, 2002*

Her beloved children **Annette** and **Angel Millora**, and **Kit** and **Sylvia Lansang**; her grandchildren **Hobbie** and **Lou Cabarong**, and **Bo-beep** and **Maila Lansang**, **Gigi** and **Mike**, **Rosette** and **Brian**, **Reena** and **Ken** and **Lisa**; and great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, Chapel 2-A, 264 G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be announced later.

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# Mariano Valdes Pamintuan

*Has joined his wife "DAISY" and peacefully rests in the infinite warmth and embrace of our Lord on March 22, 2002 at the age of 78.*

His loving children **DANNY** (†) & **MELLY**, **DES** & **LINA**, **MARIEL**, **MIKE** & **ROSIE**, **JOY**; his brother **ROGELIO**; sister **NINA**; his grandchildren, relatives and friends request your prayers for his eternal peace.

His remains lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be at La Funeraria Paz, on March 27, 2002 at 2:00 PM.

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In Loving Memory of

## ATTY. ANTONIO P. AMISTAD

**June 14, 1922 - March 18, 2001**

On the occasion of his First Death Anniversary.

His family and friends request for prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

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## INVITATION TO BID

The Bureau of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture (DA-BFAR), invites qualified bidders/suppliers to participate in the bidding of the following:

1. various fishing supplies and materials
2. catering services of trainees at the National Marine Fisheries Development Center, (NMFDC), Sangley Point, Cavite City.

Interested bidders are required to submit the following requirements: photocopies of Business License, SEC/DTI Certificate of Registration, BIR Regulation form, latest audited financial statement and income tax return; (original copies to be shown for authentication purposes).

Bidders for the catering service are requested to submit additional requirements: list of past and present clientele with telephone nos. for the last two (2) years and a clearance certificate/gate pass issued by the Philippine Navy (PN) Sangley Point, Cavite City as proof of visit to NMFDC Canteen.

Only Bidders with at least two years experience in catering services can participate.

Submission of the pre-qualification documents will be from April 1 to 2, 2002 at the BFAR PBAC Secretariat, Ground Floor, 860 Arcadia Bldg., Quezon Avenue, Quezon City.

Bidding documents for the various fishing supplies and materials and the catering services will be made available only to pre-qualified bidder within April 3 to 4, 2002 at the BFAR-PBAC Secretariat.

Submission and opening of bids will be on April 10, 2002 at 2:00 p.m., BFAR Conference Room, Arcadia Bldg., 860 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security of three percent (3%) of the total bid price. The Bid Bond may be in cash, cashier's or manager's check, GSIS bond or other surety bond callable on demand issued by a surety or insurance company accredited by the office of the Insurance Commissioner or any combination thereof.

This Office reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal as evaluated by the PBAC is the most advantageous to the government. The PBAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, or does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **MALCOLM I. SARMIENTO, JR.**
*Director*

(PDI - March 24, 2002)

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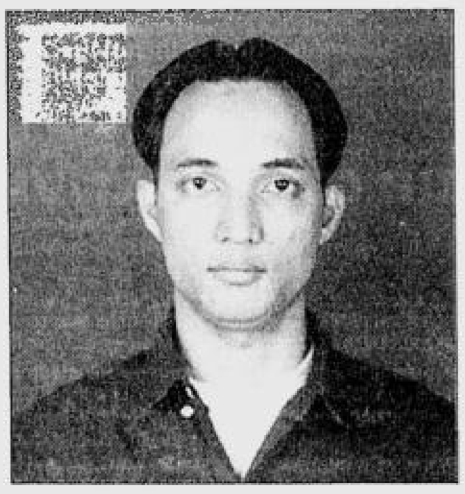

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## INVITATION TO BID

The Province of Benguet, thru its PBAC, shall accept sealed bids not later than 12:00 noon on May 03, 2002 at the Office of the Provincial Governor, Conference Room, from contractors who are prequalified by the Provincial PBAC and classified as "Medium" by the inter-agency Committee and who have "SUBMITTED THEIR RENEWAL OF LICENSE FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS DULY VALIDATED BY THE PROVINCIAL PBAC for the prosecution of the following infrastructure projects:

**PROJECT TITLE:**

1. Rehabilitation of JNR bad-ayan Cayapas Baogan Farm to Market Road at Baculongan Sur, Buguias, Benguet. AAE: P10,252,130.36
2. Rehabilitation of Oraa Daynes Andolor Farm to Market Road at Tabaan Sur, Tuba, Benguet. AAE: P5,176,731.94
3. Rehabilitation of Junction Sagubo Gaswiling Farm to Market Road at Gaswiling, Kapangan, Benguet. AAE: P11,019,198.60

Cost of Bid forms/project: P600.00
Bidder's compliance with the following is enjoined:

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| 1. | Filing of letter of intent with PBAC Secretariat | April 15-16, 2002 |
| 2. | Issuance of bid forms, plans and specs | April 16-18, 2002 |
| 3. | Pre-bid conference | April 24, 2002 |
| 4. | Submission of bids at Provincial Governor's Office | May 03, 2002<br>(8:00 AM - 12:00 NN) |
| 5. | Opening of bids | May 03, 2002<br>(2:00 PM) |

Only the licensee with approved letter of intent by the PBAC chairman will be issued bid forms and shall personally sign the registry at the time of filing. SPAs will not be honored.

The Provincial Government of Benguet, thru its PBAC, reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defects contained therein and to award the contract to the contractor whose bid/s, as evaluated, is most advantageous to the government.

(Sgd.) **RAUL M. MOLINTAS**
*Provincial Governor & PBAC Chairman*

(PDI - March 24, 31 & Apr. 7, 2002)

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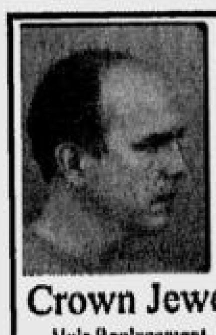

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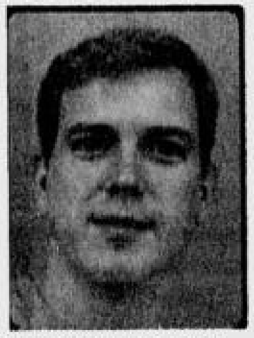

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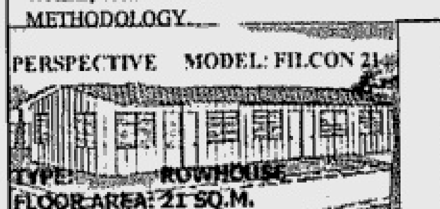

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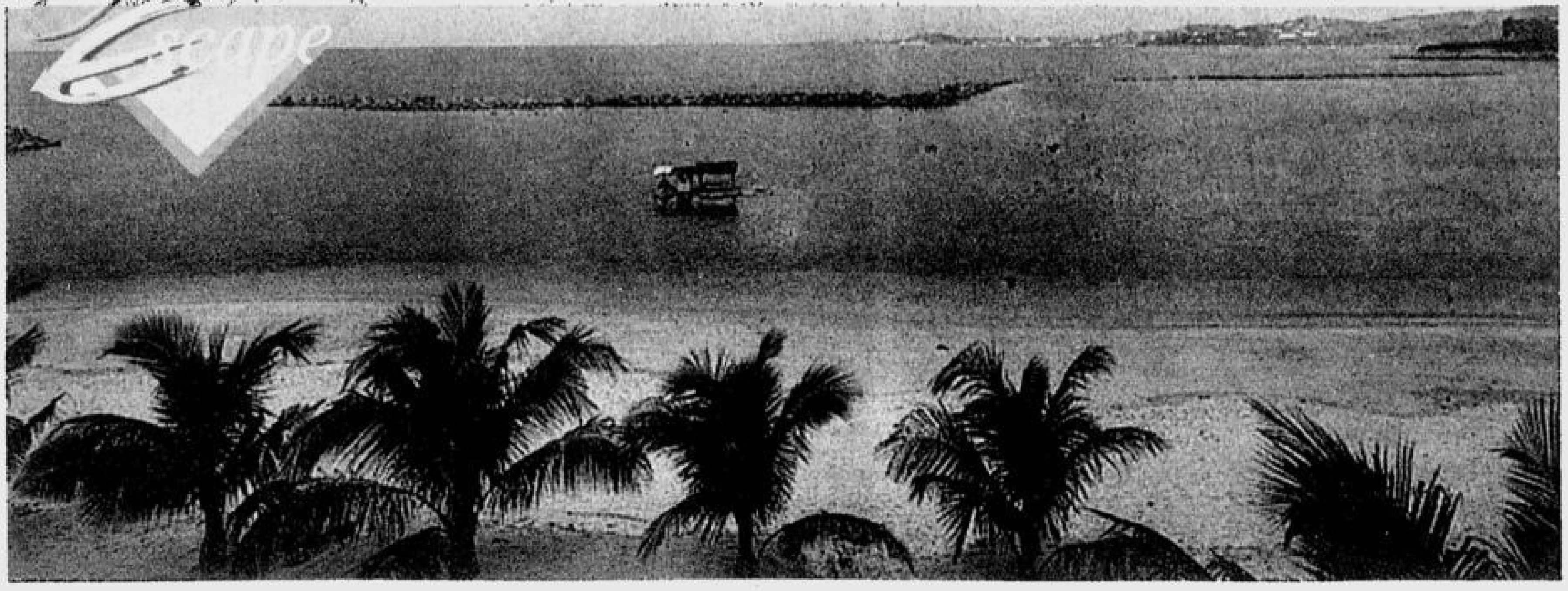

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DOWN BY THE SEA

# A quiet cove waiting to be discovered

**By Cathy Babao Guballa**
**Photos by Mike Alquinto**

BATANGAS is synonymous with beaches and family resorts that range in form and function from fabulous to kitsch, from high-end to the bare necessities. Travel the highway that traverses through the town of Nasugbu and you will be met by one billboard after another highlighting the features of this or that resort. Sun worshippers or those just desiring to get away from the frenzy of city life will find a quiet haven in White Cove, the newest resort to open in Nasugbu, Batangas.

### White sand

Located 102 km south of Manila, White Cove is a two-hour leisurely drive from Makati. Leave just as dawn breaks via the South Expressway, turn left after the Sta. Rosa exit and drop by one of those inns in Tagaytay to have breakfast with a view. White Cove is more or less 45 minutes away from the city of Tagaytay.

After passing Barangay Wawa, the road slightly curves and soon you find yourselves at the huge gates that lead into White Cove. The resort itself is not entirely brand new; the property was acquired by United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) in settlement of a loan. Currently, the bank is developing it into a world-class destination for both local and foreign tourists. The previous owner had been cash-strapped and unable to finish some of the buildings and a large portion of the hotel is still currently under construction. However, don't let the unfinished work daunt you. Beyond the gate lies a fabulous stretch of white beach (with sand imported from Boracay) and the clearest, crystal blue waters you will ever set your eyes on.

White Cove has both hotel rooms and condominium units. The hotel will have 16 newly furnished rooms ready for the Holy Week. Benjamin Madlansacay, the hotel's general manager, advises people to book rooms in advance as the rooms go quickly. Hotel rooms are equipped with all the creature comforts—air-conditioners, hot and cold shower and bath. The interiors are lovely and the rooms, cozy. All rooms are at P3,500 per night. The restaurant has a concessionaire that serves buffet breakfast and light meals throughout the day on weekends. For heavier meals, you can hie off to Dalampasigan restaurant, which

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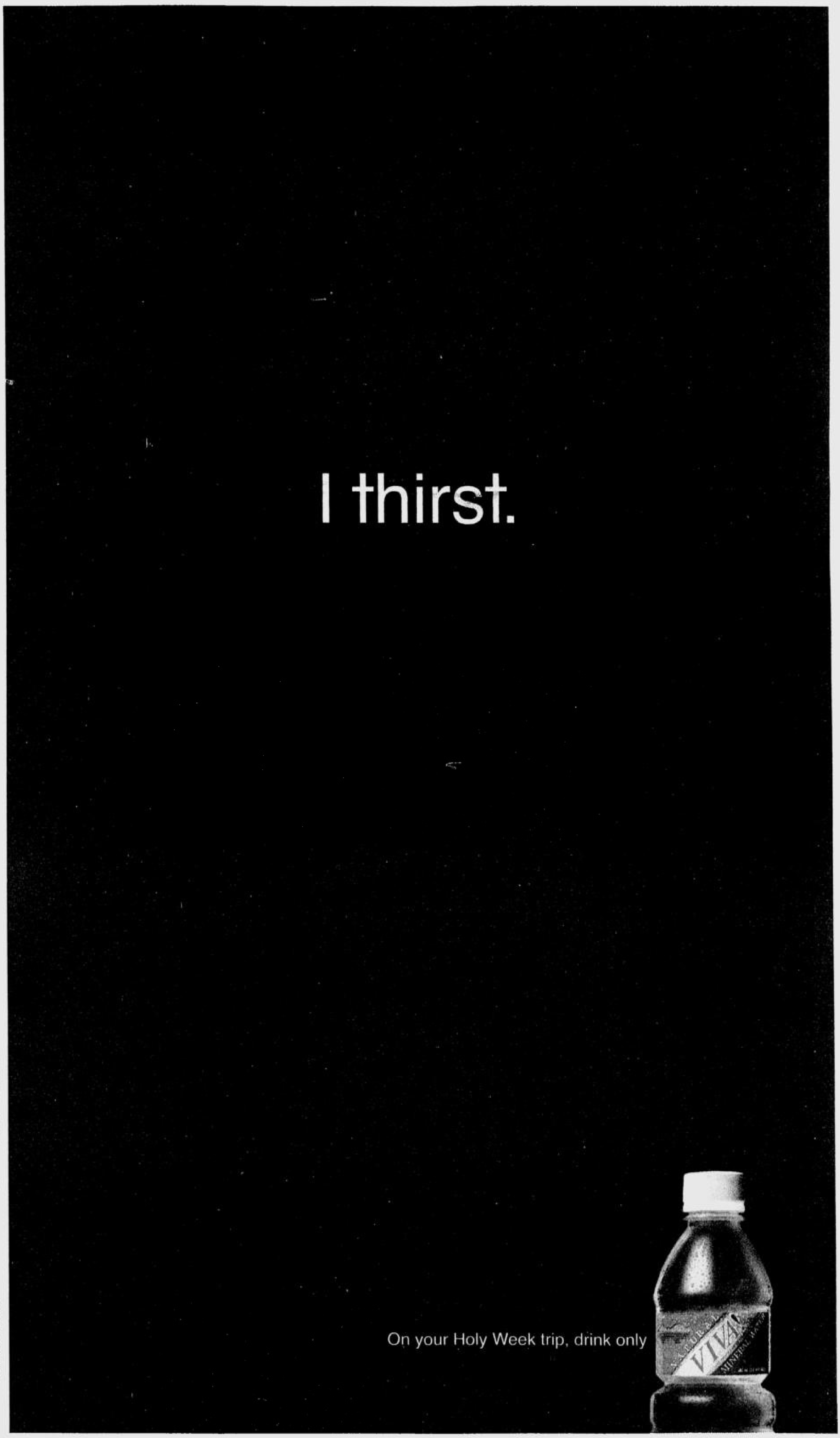
COOL breeze and quiet solitude



**TRANQUIL** view from a balcony

**DINING** area of a two-bedroom unit

# A quiet cove waiting to be discovered

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is a 15-minute drive from the hotel. This restaurant is a charming place and a visual treat in itself. They serve excellent home-cooked comfort food that keep their guests coming back for more.

### Condos facing the sea

The condominium units at White Cove are available both for lease or sale to those who are interested in owning vacation units with a lovely view of the sea and a romantic sunset. All units face the sea and have huge picture windows that are perfect for reflection. Fully and tastefully furnished with air-conditioners, refrigerators and cooking ranges, the units allow for cooking so be sure to bring your pots, pans, rice cookers and ingredients. Here is also an area by the beach where you can grill and barbecue to your heart's content.

The units (one or two-bedroom) have spacious living and dining rooms and bedrooms. A one-bedroom unit measures 97 sq m. Rental rates per night are quite reasonable at P3,000 for a studio unit that can accommodate up to four people; a one-bedroom unit that can accommodate six goes for P4,000 and a two-bedroom unit which will accommodate a family of eight rents out at P5,500.

If after you've soaked in the scenery you're raring for a bit of action, you can rent jet skis or kayaks (single and double). You can also spend a languid afternoon on a solitary balsa. Clearly, amenities are limited as yet at White Cove but the fabulous stretch of sand and sea makes the trip all worth it. This new resort is the perfect destination for a family of water babies who wish to bond minus the distractions of television (that's right, no TV, folks).

Families will certainly enjoy the quiet solitude of the resort, especially on a summer weekday, waking up to a glorious sunrise or strolling along the beach at nightfall under a blanket of stars. On the other hand, if you are a harried city soul, White Cove will make for an ideal retreat from the concrete jungle. Bring all the books you've been hoarding and just read as you bask in the invigorating sea breeze and sunlight. In the evenings, take long, leisurely walks before retiring to the quiet confines of your unit.

The sea, as Anne Morrow Lindbergh once wrote, brings many treasures that lie waiting to be discovered. At this quiet cove, they are yours for the picking.

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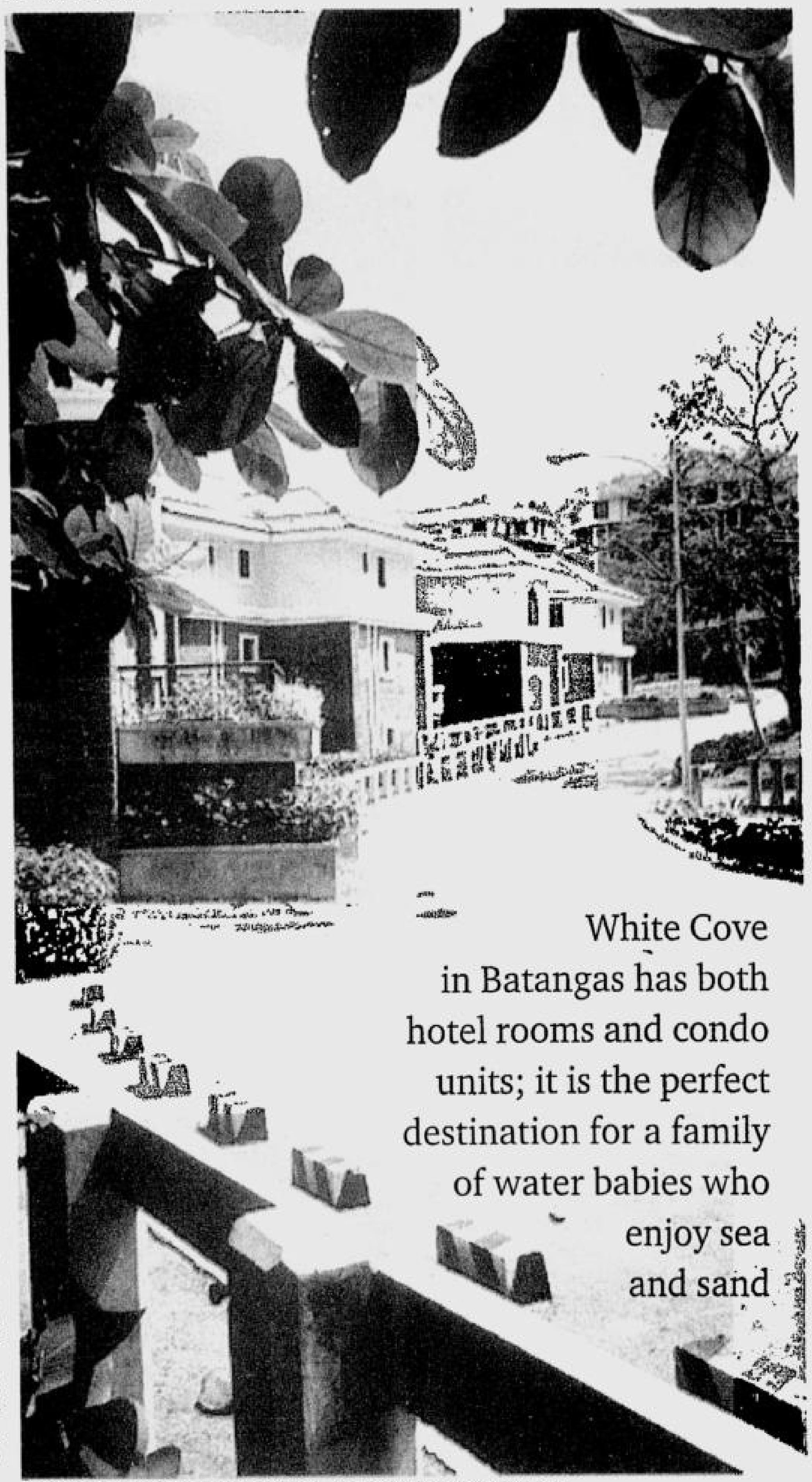

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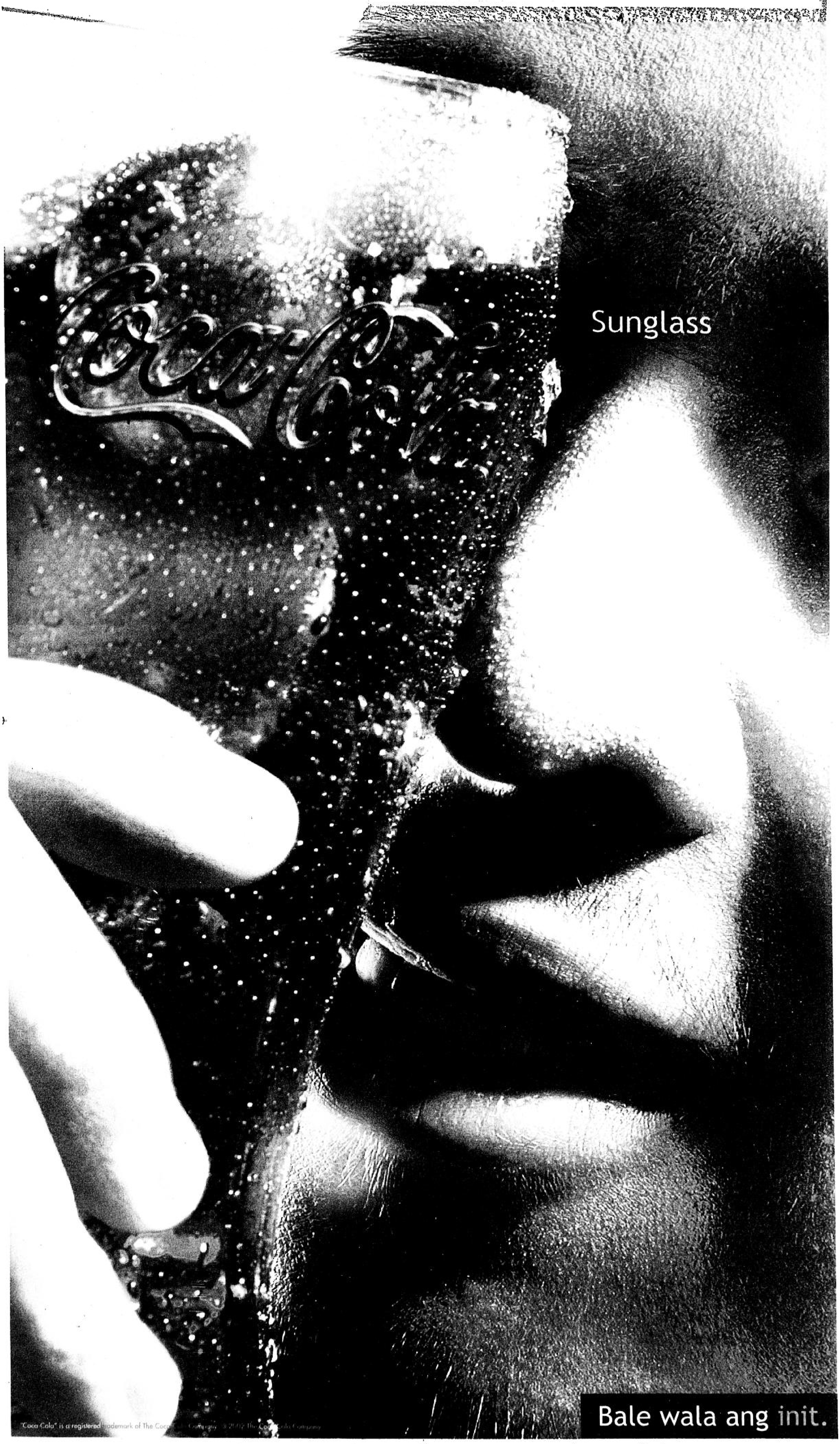
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# Lifestyle on a jet plane

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

## Cathay Pacific introduces new lounges, bigger seats, and even a bar in the air

CATHAY Pacific has designed each seat with a hard shell to "cocoon" each Business Class passenger from things that go bump in the night.

THESE days there's a whole range of lifestyle features in air transportation, perhaps as a complement to the lifestyle route tourism campaigns have taken.

Major cities around the world have been attracting fashionistas, for instance, by blocking off seven days of each year as Fashion Week. If they're not zeroing in on ramp and RTW designs, they're tempting foodies with food and wine festivals, or food and hotel expositions, or food and whathaveyou parties. Artists and their patrons are not spared as there are art events as well. Chicago has had interesting sculptural interpretations of the cow dotting the city and Seattle has followed suit with lovable hogs. As for homes and gardens, New Orleans is making brisk business from tours of its old French colonial homes.

Let's see... that's fashion, food, art and home. Add the music scene and the preoccupation with trendspotting (think Ibiza and its jammed clubs) and there you go—you have what's called a lifestyle experience. One year the strongest campaign in Asia was "Live it up in Singapore" and not before long, Hong Kong came up with "City of Life."

Is it any wonder then that an international carrier like Cathay Pacific has spent a huge amount of money on improving its ground and air facilities to keep up with today's lifestyle? For one thing, the only way an airline like Cathay Pacific can coax people back into the air after 9/11 is to show that flying is still enjoyable.

"It's not just about flying to somewhere. We have to look at the whole journey," Sarah Blomfield, Cathay Pacific's executive for product development, told a group of lifestyle journalists from the Philippines and Indonesia.

SCREEN between seats

The journey begins with the check-in, of course. To make it easier for its frequent flyers to whom flying has become quite routine, Cathay Pacific has introduced self-check kiosks.

### Second lounge

Inspired by the success, accolades and designer awards received by the Wing, its original flagship first class and business lounge built three years ago, Cathay Pacific made a big investment on a second lounge to cater to its premier passengers at the northwest end of Hong Kong's International Airport.

"If you know the HK airport at all, you know that from one end of it to the other is actually like crossing the harbor," said Blomfield. Traffic and fleet growth dictated the building of another airport lounge where notable features of the Wing have been duplicated, such as the long bar, the short bar, the smoking bar, the noodle bar and The Haven restaurant, all of which are operated by Peninsula Clubs, a division of the Peninsula Group.

The much bigger Pier can sit four times more than the Wing. Designers have added what are called Day-Break Rooms, of which there are six exclusively for First Class passengers. This is where a passenger can have a leather armchair, a 20-inch LCD cable-installed television, an audio system, and controls for temperature, lighting and waiter service all to herself. In addition, the Pier has seven shower suites done in black white-

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MINERAL water bottle holder in the seat arm is another thoughtful design feature.

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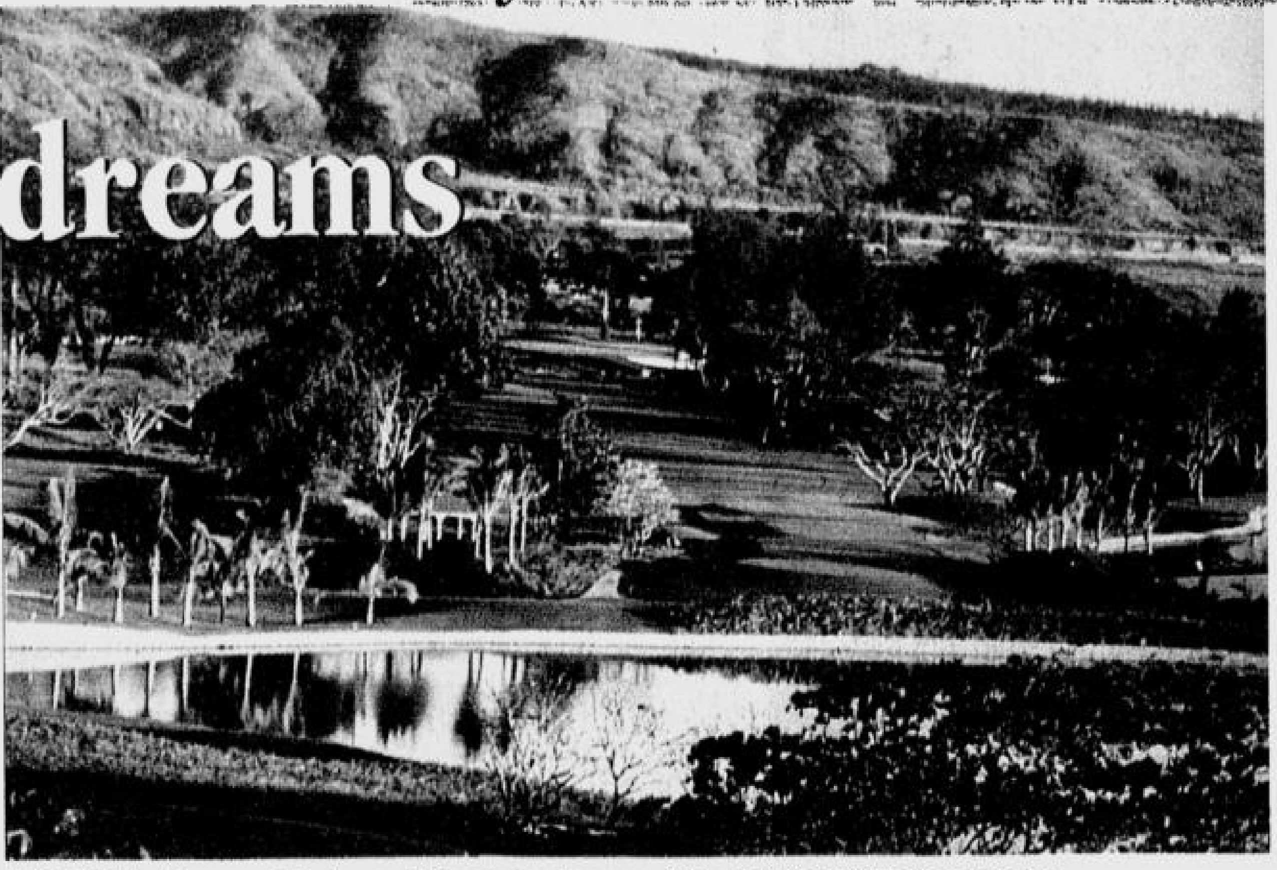
ACROSS THE PLAIN

# Field of dreams

Once a military installation, Clark is now a special economic zone and holiday destination

**By Constantino C. Tejero**



A 36-HOLE golf course is just one of the many pleasures offered by the international resort.

FOR A YEAR after Mt. Pinatubo erupted in 1991, Angeles City in Pampanga was a virtual ghost town. Business establishments had closed down, while many residents resettled somewhere far from ashfall and lahar.

Two years later, through the Bases Conversion Development Authority, the 33,653-ha former military installation, Clark Field, started to be transformed into "a productive civilian complex for industrial, tourism, commercial and other uses that will help perk up national and local economies."

Now called the Clark Special Economic Zone, its 2,500-ha aviation complex has been converted into the centerpiece structure of the Ecozone. Even longtime residents in the vicinity couldn't help but marvel at this resplendent rise from the ashes.

### Scenic parkland

The 100th anniversary of this former grazing area for horses that US President Theodore Roosevelt officially declared as a military reservation named Fort Stotsenburg, doesn't come until Sept. 1 next year. Meantime, the Centennial Committee, chaired by Clark Development Corp. president Emmanuel Angeles, is marketing the place as a business-investment haven and a family destination.

Incredibly, what used,to be a monolithic symbol of American imperialism and Filipino subservience has become a holiday destination. It is an empire of capitalism, of course, but it is now "user-friendly."

An obvious showcase is the 250-ha Mimosa Leisure Estate, a scenic parkland with over 7,000 trees (century-old mimosa rain trees, flame trees), dotted with the Montevista and Fontana villas, four hotels, and some 30 restaurants, cafés, fast-food joints, canteens, *bulaluhan*. For more information, call (02) 845-2505, or (045) 599-5555.

There's the Holiday Inn Resort, billed as "North Luzon's only international resort hotel." (Check out the Mongolian Barbecue on the roof deck, and cast a nostalgic look at the former residential grounds and golf club of the US Air Force officers below.)

Overnight stay in a standard room is P2,600+, a junior suite is P3,600+, while a villa is P5,600+. Two kids under 18 may stay for free when sharing a room or villa with their parents. Call (02) 845-1888, or (045) 599-8000.

Construction of the Marriott is almost complete, and the hotel is set to open very soon.

### Leisure activities

Clark has an array of leisure activities for both kids and adults. It has five golf courses (two 18-hole, a nine-hole, a 27-hole and a 36-hole), three driving ranges (for drag racing, go-karts and off-road vehicles), three aerosports facilities (for tour flights, flying lessons, kite flying, skydiving, aero-modeling), three picnic grounds, a horse trail for trekkers, a jogging lane, two tennis courts, a basketball gym, a golf academy, two casinos, a gun range, a wargames site.

Holiday Inn has a Kids' Inn where the little ones can join Clarky Kids' Club, which offers fun and educational activities such as puppet shows, arts and crafts, video games, film screenings, story-telling and a romp with the resort's tortoise mascot.

The Fontana Leisure Park, billed as "the first water-theme park in Central Luzon," offers these escapades: a lazy river ride through cascades amid lush greenery; water slides that twist and catapult; a wave pool with crashing waves; water rides; water play, with waterfalls and fountains; turtle slide, dolphin slide, whale slide; a buccaneer-pirate ship; a mad-scientist water factory; a water-drop fountain.

Fontana has also a maze garden to boggle the mind; a picnic ground with barbecue pits in a tropical garden setting; rides and games; a tree house. Call (045) 599-5000/3377.

And not to forget Expo Pilipino, with its Global City, Fun Zone, Chosen Island, Centennial Plaza, Colonial Plaza, Food Plaza, Pagkasalikasan Garden, Millennium Hall, Trade Exhibit Hall, Giant Amphitheater, Prosperity Plaza, Centennial Promenade. Call (02) 752-0016 to 19, or (045) 599-3820. (Forget the controversy—just enjoy!)

### Food and culture

For the culturally inclined, Clark has numerous historical sites starting with the Salakot, then on to the American Memorial Cemetery, the Kelly Theater, the first kamikaze airfield, Seki Tunnel, Lily Hill, the parade grounds, the cannon barrel from a Spanish warship, the original Fort Stotsenburg gate posts, the President Manuel Roxas marker, the barn houses at the Officers' Lane.

A guide is recommended to elucidate on each spot. You may recap your cultural tour with a stroll through the Clark Museum (amazing facts and artifacts!).

KIDS have the time of their lives at the first water-theme park in Central Luzon.

And, finally, duty-free shopping at some 20 outlets—with discounted prices and buy-one-take-one bargains, and, at P45 to a dollar, all the chocolates and cookies your kids can eat.

After a full day of extreme physical exhaustion, you may want to take a light snack at Giggle Spot, or have cocktails at the Stars Café of the Mimosa Regency Casino, and leisurely take your chances at the gaming table.

Then off to a sumptuous buffet of the much vaunted Pampango cuisine at Four Seasons Market Grill & Deli, or a Chinese *lauriat* at Beijing Palace, or steak and seafood at The Red Crab.

For more information on food specialties, amenities and accommodations, you may contact the secretariat of the Association of Hotels and Restaurants in Pampanga at (045) 322-2002.

For emergencies, the Ecozone has eight banks, two hospitals, two call centers (PLDT and Digitel).

Clark is 90 km north of Manila, or a 1½-hour drive away. Jeepneys shuttling around the area and vicinity are color-coded.

The Diosdado Macapagal International Airport, serving chartered flights to Taiwan and Hong Kong as well as regular local flights, is 12 km from the center of Angeles City. Call (045) 599-2888.

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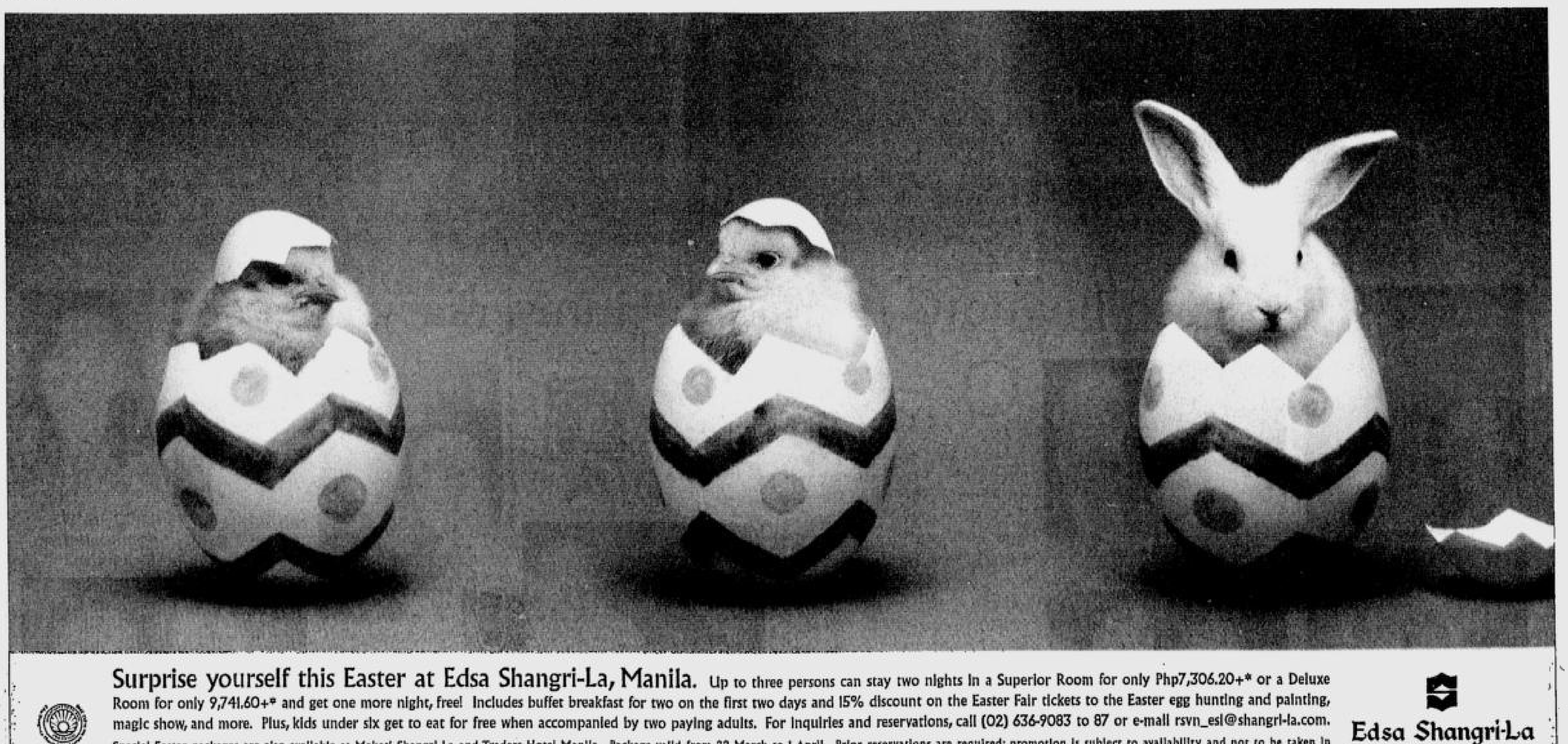

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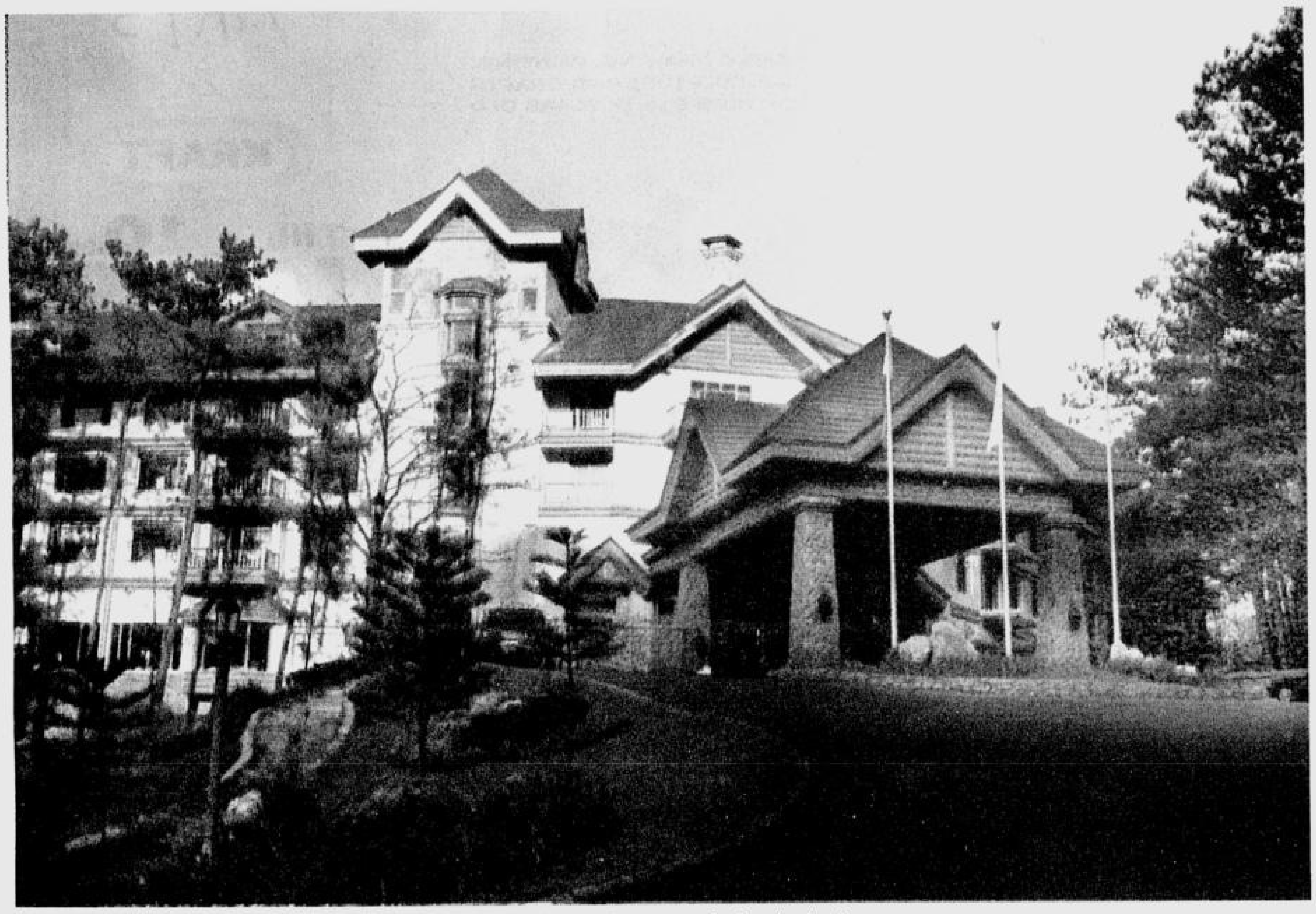
## UP IN THE MOUNTAINS

# Manor living in the City of Pines



**CAMP** John Hay Manor's architecture is similar to the design of mountain resorts of other destinations.

By Marge C. Enriquez
Photos by Chito Vecina

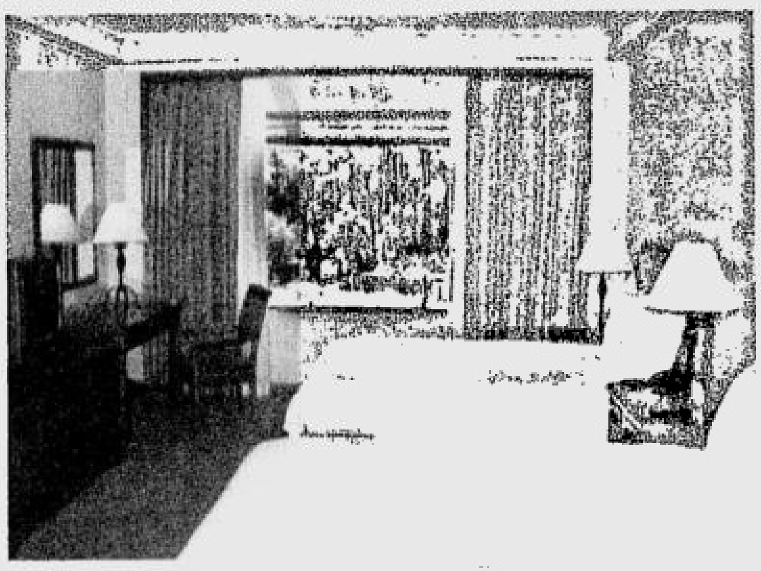
TO BABY boomers and the generations before that, Baguio has a charm that other destinations don't have.

"Baguio holds tradition and memories," says Heiner Maulbecker, general manager of Club Leisure Corp. "Everybody has his own Baguio in his mind."

Baguio was a place to walk in. Session Road was lined with quaint shops and cafés. To boys, it may be the place of their first romantic encounter. To couples, Baguio is their honeymoon spot.

Locals remember the city filled with pines that you could count the number of rooftops. Today, it's the other way around. With congestion, you could count the pines but not the rooftops.

Baguio was not love at first sight for Maulbecker. The German hotelier was under the impression that it looked like a picturesque mountain resort such as St. Moritz or Davos. It was a culture shock for him to see a city whose urban planning had gone haywire.



**EVEN** for double occupancy, four people can sleep comfortably because the space is luxurious.

But Baguio grew on him. He met his wife, Daisy Gomez, in the City of Pines, and also lost her during the earthquake of 1990. He managed the Hyatt Terraces and looked after the future of his employees until the earthquake toppled the hotel, also in 1990. He left for Europe and returned to Baguio to bring it back to its old tourism glory.

Ever since the earthquake that demolished several hotels, Baguio has been lacking in first-class accommodations. The Baguio Country Club was exclusive to membership.

### Lure them back

With the Fil-Estate Group handling the development of Camp John Hay, plans are afoot to lure families and businessmen to the North. Club Leisure Corp. manages Camp John Hay's golf club and The Manor Hotel. Maulbecker works with Fil-Estate's Tito Avancena in this property (Bob Sobrepeña heads the other Fil-Estate projects).

Maulbecker says the master plan for this property is to preserve nature yet provide modern facilities with proper zoning. Camp John Hay is envisioned to be a self-contained community where everybody will find a Baguio in his mind, says Maulbekcer. Aside from horseback riding on the winding trails and picnic grounds, there will be a village center featuring local handicrafts.

**PAMPERING** services offered by the Palm Garden

Camp John Hay Manor Hotel has been open to the public since December. By yearend its 180 rooms will be fully operational. The average room size is 45 sq m, composed of twin beds or two double beds (with introductory rates of P2,500 to P6,500 a night). In a basic double occupancy, as much as four people can sleep comfortably.

All the rooms include a kitchenette with a microwave oven for people to heat convenience food. The suites include a living room and dining room. Maulbecker observes that during holidays, families would bring their cooks to Baguio, thus the microwave ovens. This saves them from going downtown to eat out. Or, the families can eat at Le Soufflé or its deli.

Palm Garden, owned by Jun Ventura, will open a spa. For now, the attendants offer room service, ranging from massages to facials and body scrubs.

### Full service

"Camp John Hay will be a full-service family resort. This will include wellness and art centers, golf, billiards, bowling, tennis, picnics, horse trials and camping. By yearend, there will be an arcade with retail outlets," says Maulbecker.

Even without the facilities you expect from a hotel, The Manor's biggest selling point is the closeness to nature. Manilenos can destress in Camp John Hay's environment. It's great to watch the sunrise from the balcony. A seepage of golden-orange light thaws the darkness. A bulb of sun rises, bearing an azure softness to a sky, which becomes prodigious. With it comes the cool ethereality of air, and the garden is sweetened with the fragrance of pine and dew. Beyond are the mountains. The sunlight unveils the mountain's peaks and broad shoulders as rough and golden brown, with pine trees on the slopes.

During his leisure hours, Maulbecker, who lives in the camp, reads a book in the balcony and takes the dog for walk. He goes jogging around the area.

"In our cities, there are no parks where people can sit and feed the birds. We need the solitude of nature so we can recharge our batteries," he says.

*The Manor is located on Loakan Road, Baguio City. Call (074)446-0406 to 07 or (074) 444-2132. For details, call the Manila office at 687-2529*

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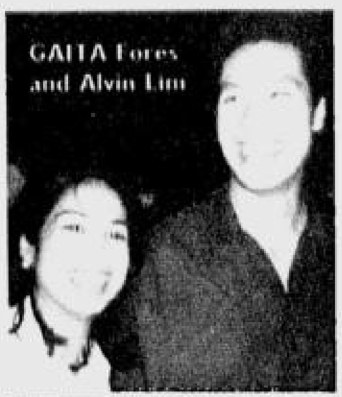
# Posh boutique marks 3rd anniversary

TEESAW

*Raul Teehankee*

ONE of the world's finest jewelry and accessories boutiques, Bvlgari, celebrated its third anniversary at 6750 Ayala, Makati City a fortnight ago and the theme was Italian. The event had tenors and coloraturas, mime artists and on-the spot painting of "La Strada" by fine arts majors from the University of the Philippines.

**Mario Katigbak**, representing the exclusive name, welcomed over a hundred special guests led by Sen. **Ramon Magsaysay Jr.** and **Nedy Tantoco**. It was just *la dolce vita!*



GAITA Fores and Alvin Lim

**JANE** Yu and Cory Quirino

**MARIO** Katigbak welcomes Sen. Jun Magsaysay.

**MARIAN** Ong and Gigi Mabanta

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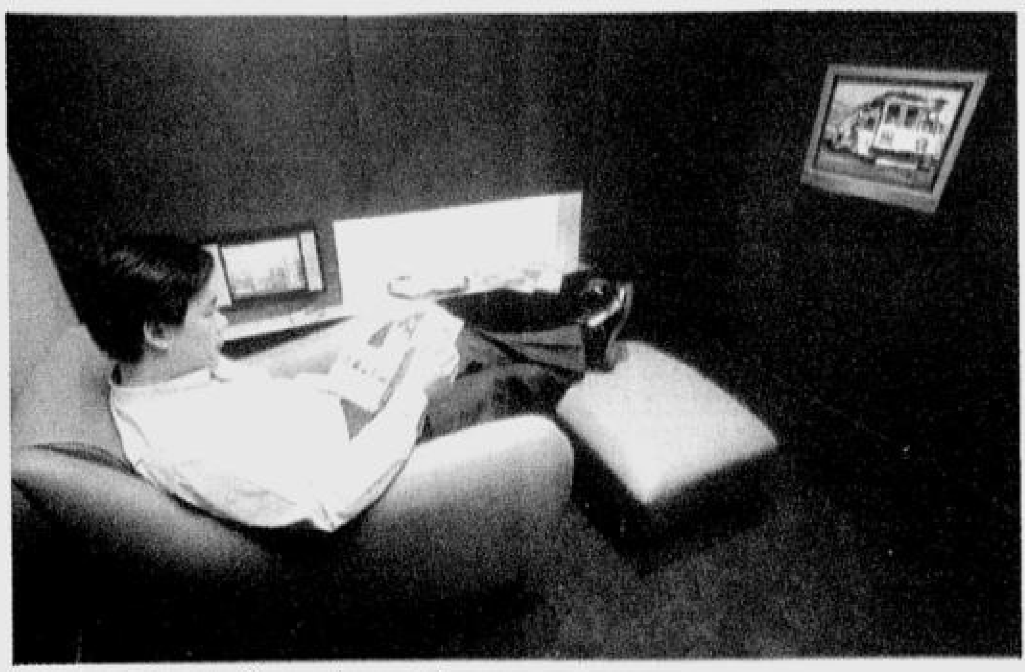
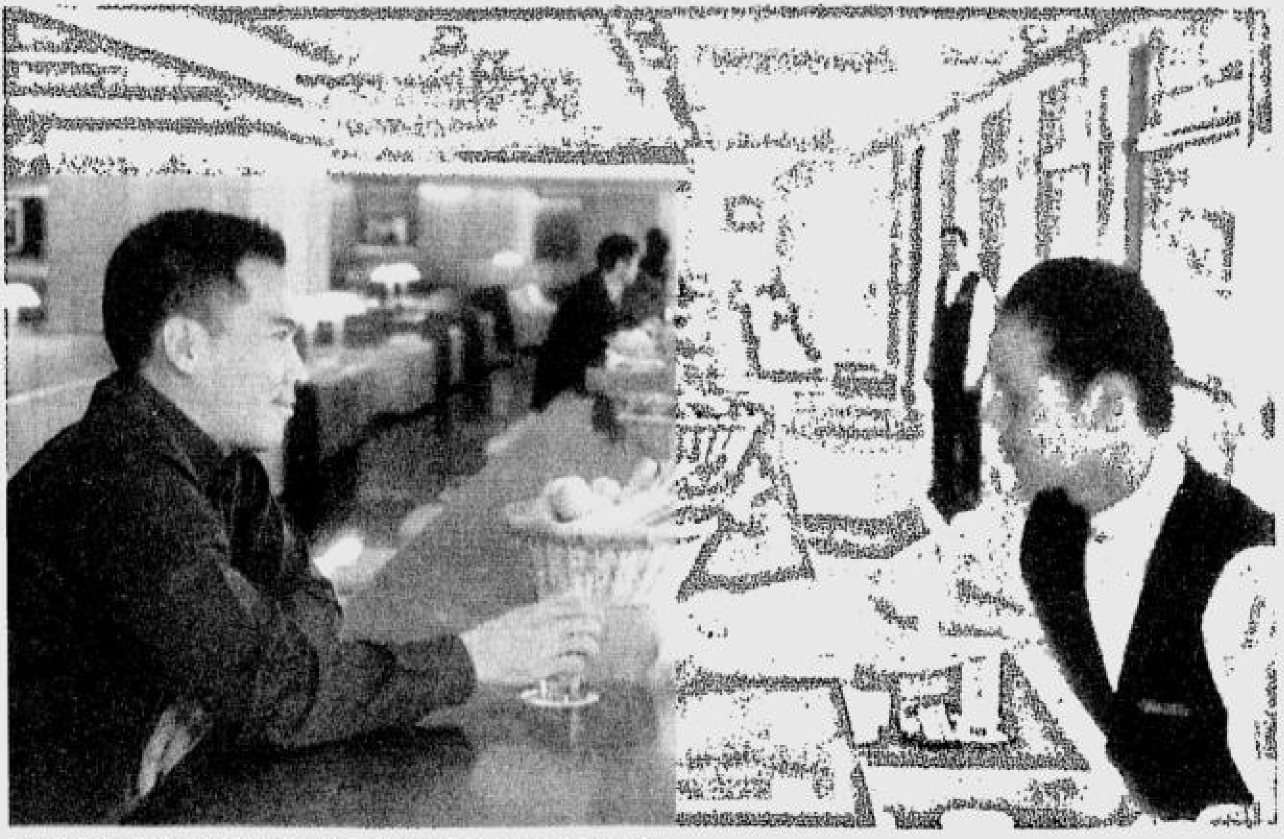


DAY-BREAK room allows privacy at lounge.



LONG bar at a Cathay Pacific premier passenger lounge

# Lifestyle on a jet plane

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veined polished marble and crystal tempered glass splash-screens.

Cathay Pacific has also invested in its premium lounges in Seoul, Bangkok and Taipei; Manila may just be the next site of a luxury lounge, according to Blomfield. The airline has tried to ensure that passengers have a consistent experience as much as possible across different places, whether they're going to the lounge in Bangkok or HK or anywhere else.

Spurred by the goal of keeping passengers "comfortable on the ground as they are on the air," some in-flight transformations have also taken place, primarily in the Business Class. The overhaul is apparent in all of the carrier's Boeing B747-400s and Airbus A340s, plus a number of new three-class Airbus A330s flying long-haul routes.

"In keeping with some of the design directions we've taken on the ground, we wanted to have a little contemporary feel in flight," said Blomfield.

The cabin's makeover has resulted in modern, refreshing yet relaxing interiors in neutral tones accented with brighter colors.

To make you forget you're in a metal tube that has locked you in with 375 other hapless passengers, there's a new cocktail bar refreshment area with granite worktops and designer lighting. The reception area near the end of the flight turns into a private dressing room with full-length mirror, clothes hangers and fold down seat.

People now don't like to travel in suits. They want to come in something more comfortable, but they also don't want to go into that small tiny toilet and change before disembarking.

## Best news

The best news, however, is that the seat, the biggest concern of any passenger in a trans-oceanic flight, has been redesigned with a welcome nip and tuck.

What a relief for anyone who has had to endure a long flight in a cramped Business Class. Where before you had to lean back if you wanted to extend your feet and the passenger behind you had to grab hold of the back of your seat if he wanted to get up, today the distance between your new Business Class seat and the one behind you is a good 16 inches, regardless of whether your seat is stretched out into a full 6'3" flat bed.

"No matter what you're doing, the guy behind has got the right amount of space and you have the right amount of space," says Blomfield.

The well-cushioned seats are 20.5 inches wide. If you measure in the generous armrests and cocktail tray area, it's no wonder Cathay Pacific has had to give up six to eight seats in the Business Class to realize the new design.

Stylish people need not fret, the seats come in two colors and the pillows in a choice of colors. Cotton or silk? On a Cathay flight, one side of a pillow is made of cotton and the other side, silk. Add, too, programmable cabin lighting across a spectrum of colors to mirror the sunrise or sunset.

Instead of one table for every passenger, now there are two separate tables so if you're working on your computer when the crew brings over your food, you don't have to panic.

As for entertainment, the new headset is noise-free. The personal TV screen is 10.4", with access to the latest movies on-demand, which means you can click to any program from out of at least 20 channels, watch it, stop it, go and do something else, come back and watch it again.

The Business Class also has power onboard now, which means you can charge your laptop in flight. And, for the first time in flight history, the Internet is aboard. Passengers can access their e-mail from the onboard server "at speeds of up to 11 Mbps anywhere in the world—from halfway across the Pacific to the middle of Siberia."

The economic situation worldwide may not be good today, but by the time business is looking up, Cathay Pacific, thanks to its lifestyle-based upgrades, is doubtless in a good position to become "the most admired airline in the world."

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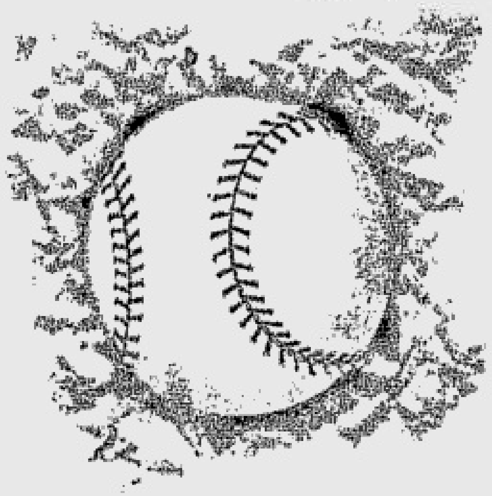

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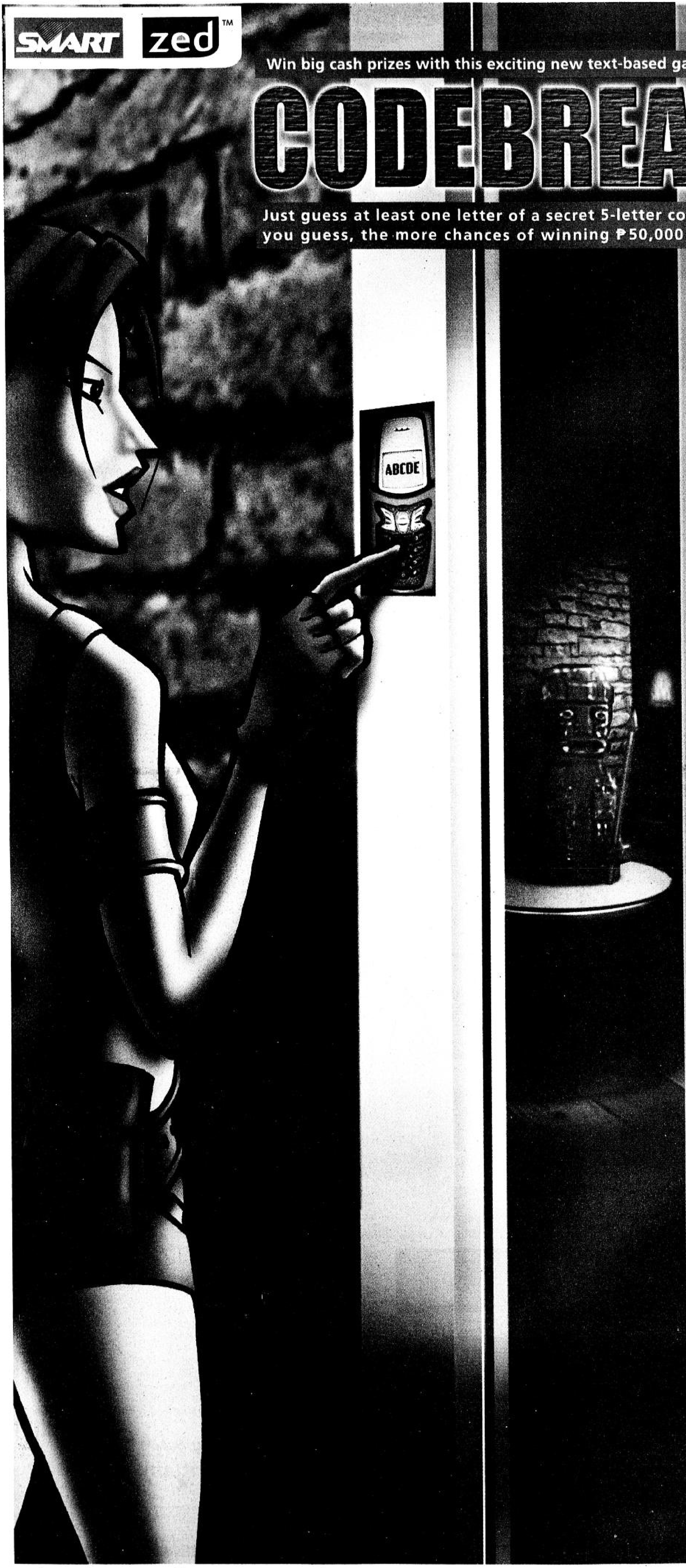

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5. There is no limit to the number of codes a player can download a day.
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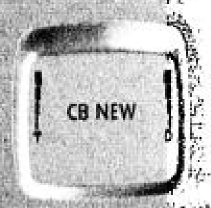

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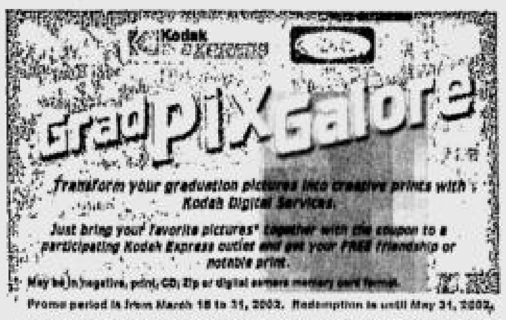

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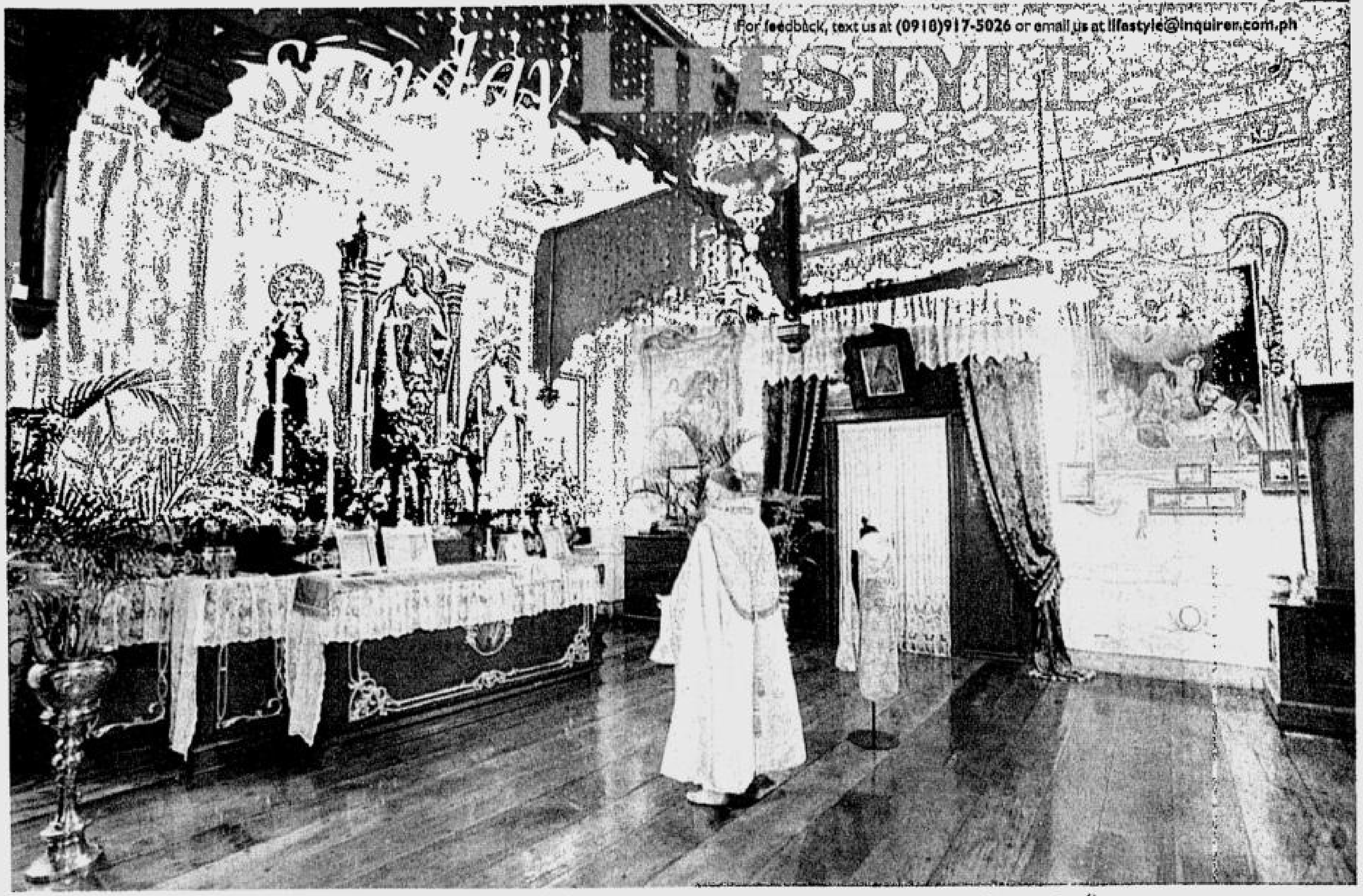

THE *CAPILLA/ORATORIO* (prayer room), a faithfully recreated room formerly in the Panlilio home in Bacolor, Pampanga dedicated to San Jose, the Sagrado Corazon de Jesus and Corazon de Maria

The Museo De La Salle fulfills one of three La Sallian pillars of learning—culture

# Splendid showcase of 'ilustrado' past

**By Ramon N. Villegas**
*Contributor*

A FEAST for the eyes that has yet to be discovered by the public is the Museo De La Salle. Nestled in the wooded Dasmariñas campus in Cavite of the De la Salle University (DLSU), the museum fulfills one of the three La Sallian pillars of learning: *religio, mores, cultura* (religion, morals and culture).

In keeping with the motif of the DLSU campus, which is a recreation of a typical town plaza in Spanish colonial Philippines, the

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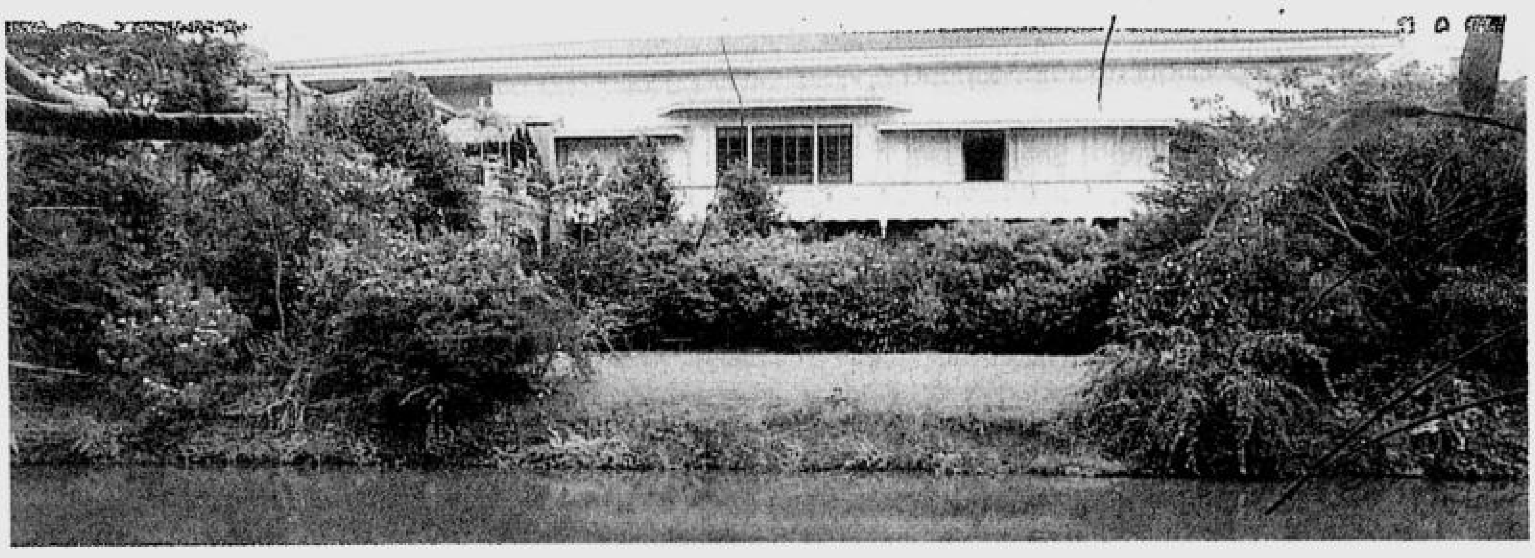
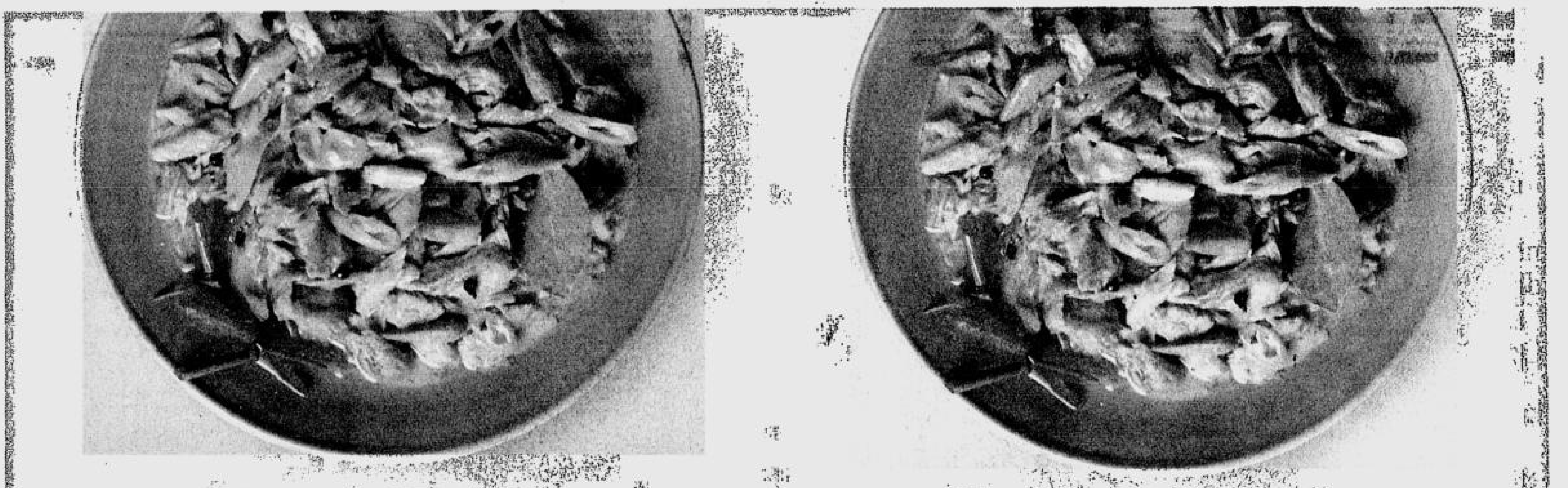


AN EXTERIOR view of the Museo with the old-fashioned *jardin* planted with old Filipino plants and trees, and the lagoon, teeming with *hito* and *tilapia*, which is maintained by the agri-business college of the school



*Century Tuna Adobo sa Gata*

*Ingredients:*

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| 2 | 184 g cans | CENTURY TUNA SOLID IN OIL |
| 1/4 | cup | vinegar |
| 2 | tablespoons | soy sauce |
| 4 | tablespoons | chopped garlic |
| 1 | teaspoon | peppercorn, cracked |
| 1 | piece | bayleaf |
| 1/2 | cup | thick coconut cream |

*Procedure:*
*In a bowl, marinate tuna in vinegar, soy sauce, 2 tablespoons garlic, peppercorns and bayleaf. Leave for 30 minutes. Drain and reserve marinade. In a pan, heat oil from tuna and brown the remaining garlic. Add tuna and cook for a minute. Add the marinade, cook uncovered until liquid is reduced in half. Pour in the coconut cream and cook for a minute. Makes 6 servings.*

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# Philippine Heart Association reaches out to the poor

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*Josephine Darang*

HAVING been a heart patient myself, I truly appreciate what the Philippine Heart Association is doing for the poor through community service.

I am particularly grateful to Dr. Erwin Carabeo who saved me from possible death on Jan. 4, 2000 when he prevented edema from reaching my lungs that was caused by an enlargement of the heart. This resulted in severe coughing for two years, difficulty in walking because of edema in my legs, and weakness.

When I suffered from high blood pressure on that particular day, Dr. Carabeo immediately put me through several tests: ECG, X-ray and blood exam.

Then, he saw the enlargement of my heart, which was the cause of the problem. He put me on a strict diet and prescribed five kinds of medicine. In a year, I lost 25 pounds, all water. Now I am healthy but I'm still on a diet.

### PHA comes to the rescue

Rosemarie Arcenas-Ong, corporate relations manager of Servier-Philippines, has informed me on what the PHA has been doing to cure and prevent heart diseases, especially among children. The PHA adopted the Matungao Elementary School in Bulacan, Bulacan and treated 200 heart patients.

It also conducted free integrated medical services in Vigan; Marilao, Bulacan; San Pablo, Laguna; and Baguio.

The PHA's "Have a Heart" project donated two wells to Pinatubo residents. Periodically, it teaches CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to lay people in various barangays.

PHA's president Dr. Edgardo Ortiz also saw to the completion of a series on "Other Matters of the Heart" symposia held at the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel recently to mark the association's 50th anniversary. Dr. Ortiz believes that doctors must concern themselves not only with a person's physical health but his wellbeing as well.

Servier-Philippines, a subsidiary of one of France's leading pharmaceutical companies, believes in this so it sponsored the symposia.

### St. Anthony de Padua's statues

TO HELP raise money for the restoration of the Cathedral of St. Anthony de Padua in Masbate, the Project Cathedral Wings committee is selling 12" statues of St. Anthony. If interested, please call Lydia Valencia-Monfort at (0917)833-6141 or 525-2464, or Dr. Marites Lalaine Arcenas-Rapadas at (0917) 394-9875.

You will not only have a beautiful statue of St. Anthony, you will also help build his cathedral. Bishop Joel Baylon will be eternally grateful.

### Semana Santa in Agoo

The Agoo Semana Santa in La Union is a religious pageant, which manifests the fervor and faith of Agoo folks in God's grand design of man's eternal salvation. The Good Friday procession, the climax of the Semana Santa, featuring 29 *carrozas* (carriages, statuaries and fixtures) depicting the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, culminates at the Basilica. The *carrozas* are lined up inside the Basilica and the civic center throughout the Lenten season.

The solemn observance of Semana Santa that made Agoo the Lenten mecca in the country was conceived by the late Rep. Jose D. Aspiras, Knight of the Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great, with the organization of the Agoo Basilica Foundation Inc. and the Hermandad de Semana Santa in 1980.

This religious tradition has been sustained by Agoo's townspeople with the guidance of Fr. Ignacio N. Asuncion, parish priest and rector of the Basilica; the leadership of Sir Knight Erlindo N. Pocsidio, president of St. Monica Parish Pastoral Council; the stewardship of Amparo M. Aspiras, president and chair of the Agoo Basilica Foundation and Hermandad de Semana Santa; and the support of Agoo Mayor Franny C. Eriguel.

### 'Cenaculo' in Divine Mercy Shrine

FR. Vic Robles, rector of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Sta. Rosa, Marilao, will hold a 25-minute *cenaculo* every hour from 8 p.m. on Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday dwelling on the theme "14th World Meeting of the Family." The shrine's young people will act in the *cenaculo*. The lead characters will portray St. Joseph and Jesus.

### Holy Week in Sta. Maria house of prayer

HEALER Carmelo Cortez, who is known for transforming rose petals into images of the Holy Family, will lead a prayer vigil at the House of Prayer in Barangay San Vicente in Sta. Maria, Bulacan. Dedicated to the Mother of the Eucharist and Grace, the vigil will be held at the altar of repose on Holy Thursday. Also on the same day, an exhibit of different statues depicting the Passion of Christ will be held. The exhibit ends on April 7. Fr. Virgilio Bartolome is the spiritual director.

### San Pablo Semana Santa

THERE are two processions on Good Friday in San Pablo, Laguna. One belongs to the cathedral, while the other one is being organized by the Samahan ng Mahal na Pasyon headed by Clarito Ticzon, president. This year's *hermana* is Thelma Exconde Gana, while the *hermano* is Nonong Guia. Helping are Ado Escudero, Bu Azucena and Rory Eizmendi.

The *salubong* rites on March 31 will have Aiza Seguerra and RR Herrera as *hermanos mayores*.

### Altar of repose in Barangay Paltok

THE RESURRECTION of Our Lord Parish in Barangay Paltok, SFDM, QC, will hold a vigil at the altar of repose designed by Pol Capistrano, a parishioner.

Parish priest Fr. Cesar Macariola invites those making *visita* to drop by his church. Thanks to those who donated candles and flowers and lent angels, *candeleros* and other things.

### 'Soledad' procession

ST. Anthony de Padua Parish in Cavite City will be the venue for the black procession of Our Lady of Soledad de Porta Vaga on Good Friday at 7 p.m. Men and women will walk barefoot as they accompany the Virgin in search of the tomb of her son Jesus.

It is the most beautiful tradition in Cavite City in honor of their patroness, Our Lady of Soledad. Parish priest Fr. Allen Valero will lead the procession.

### Our Lady of Fatima in St. Michael Shrine

THE PILGRIM image of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal is at the National Shrine of St. Michael and the Archangels in San Miguel district near Malacañang.

### Monastery complex to be blessed

THE NEW monastery complex of the Monastery of Transfiguration in Malaybalay, Bukidnon will be blessed by Bishop Honesto Pacana, S.J. on March 27 at 9:30 a.m. The complex was designed by the late Leandro Locsin. The monks will go down from their present home to the new place, which will also house the new postulants of the order.

### 'Gawa ng Dios' on TV

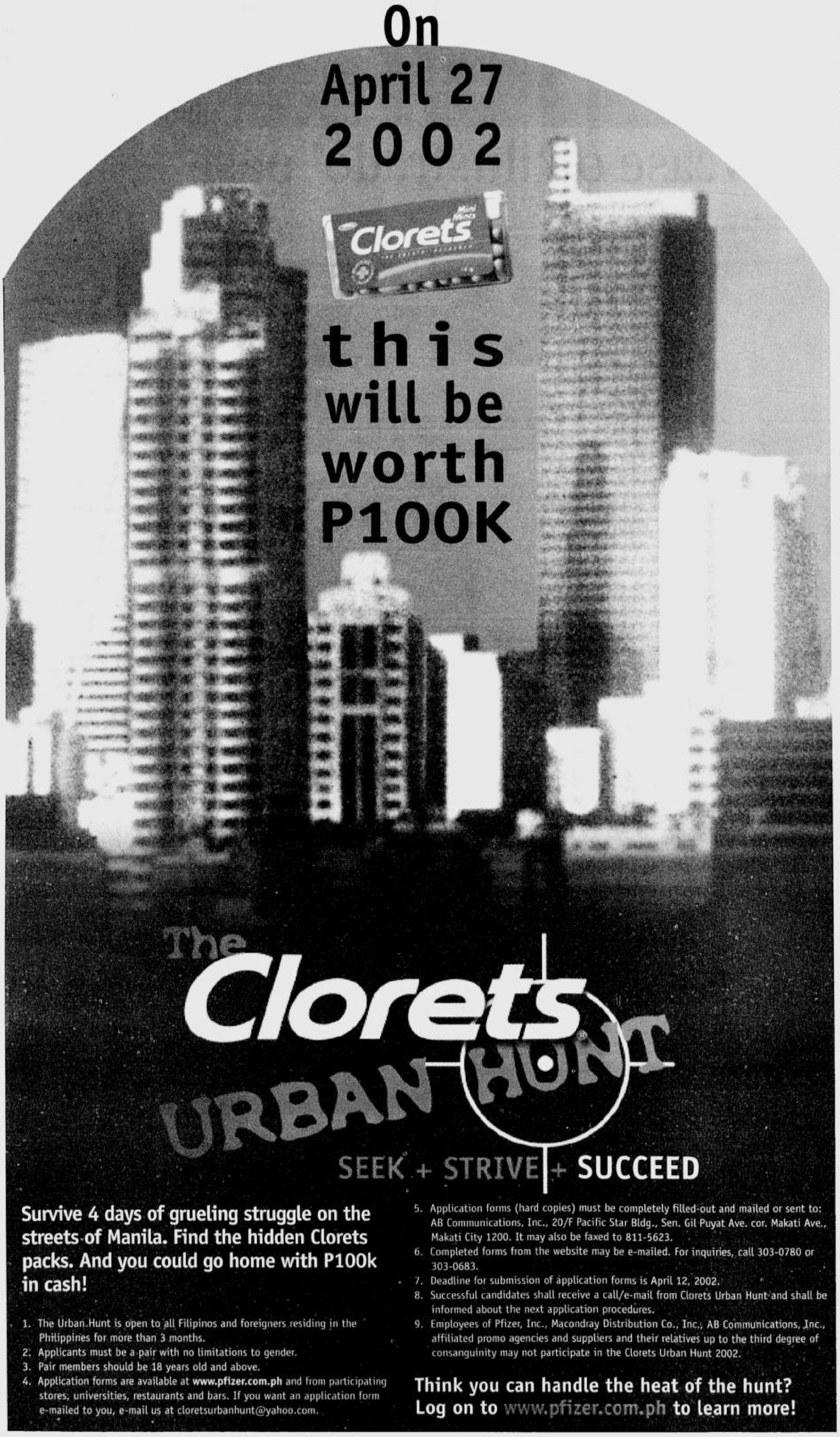
A 30-MINUTE documentary on the devotion of Blessed Escriba in the Philippines featuring favors received will be shown on different channels this Holy Week. Check PTV 4 on March 27 at 7:30 p.m.; RPN 9, 6:30 p.m.; RPN 9, 3:30 p.m., March 28; ANC on March 31, 1 p.m. On GMA 7, March 30, 10 p.m., ("Matter of Faith").

### 'Seven Last Words' on TV

THE "SEVEN Last Words" pretaped in seven churches in Bulacan will be aired on Channel 9 on Good Friday. Beda Orquejo of Family Rosary Crusade took a video of eight churches, including the Malolos Cathedral for the opening and closing prayer. The churches are Fatima Shrine (Valenzuela); Divine Mercy Shrine (Marilao); Sta. Rita de Cascia (Guiguinto); San Agustin (Baliuag); San Juan Bautista (Calumpit), Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Barasoain) and St. Anne Shrine (Hagonoy).

**GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION IN SAN PABLO. (Standing, from left): Clarito Ticzon, Bu Azucena, Nonong Guia and Ado Escudero; (seated): Thelma Gana and Rory Eizmendi**

**DR. Edgardo Ortiz, president of Phil. Heart Association**



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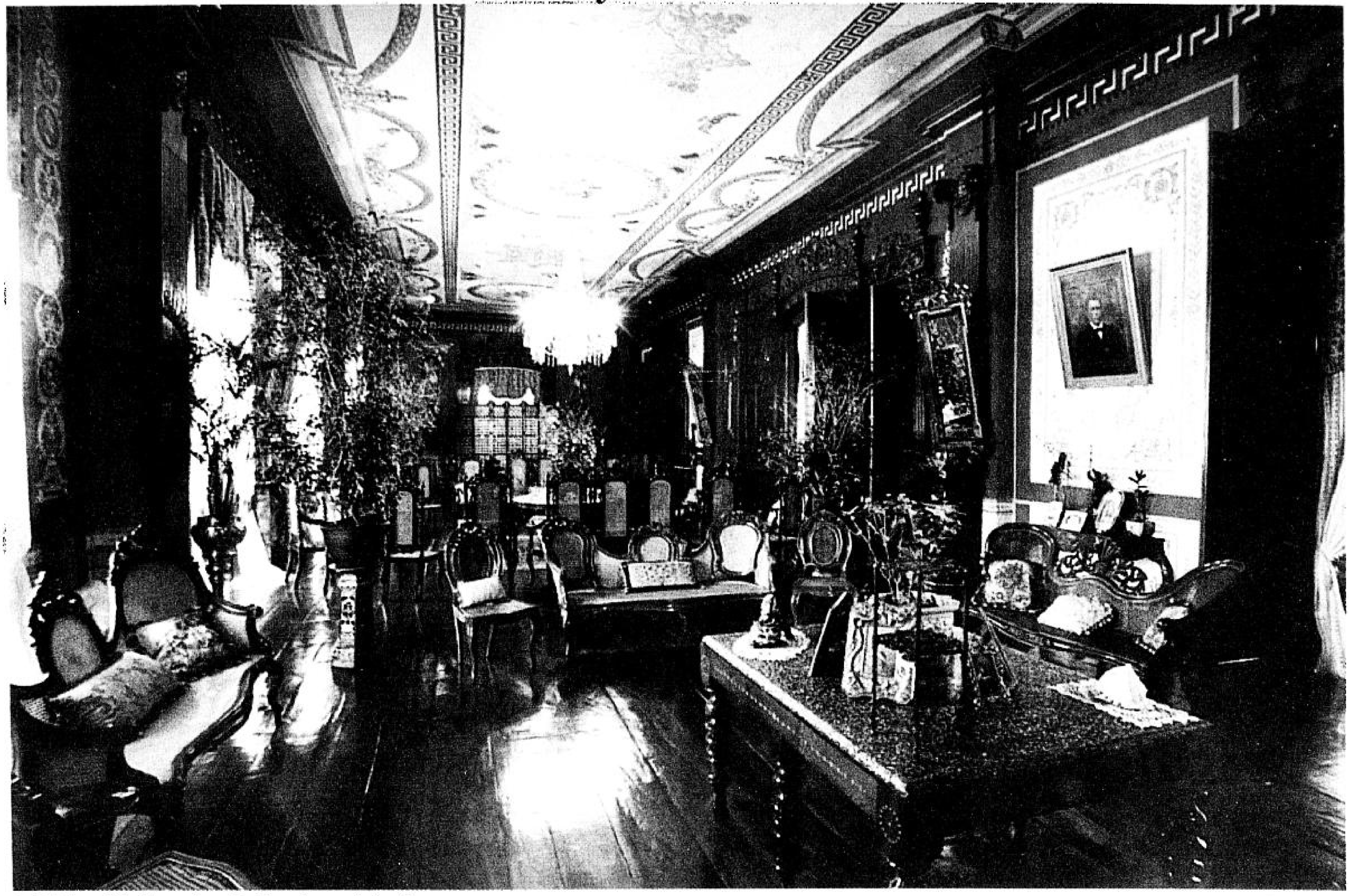

A SIDE view of the Santos Joven-Panlilio *sala* or main drawing room area

# Splendid showcase of 'ilustrado' past

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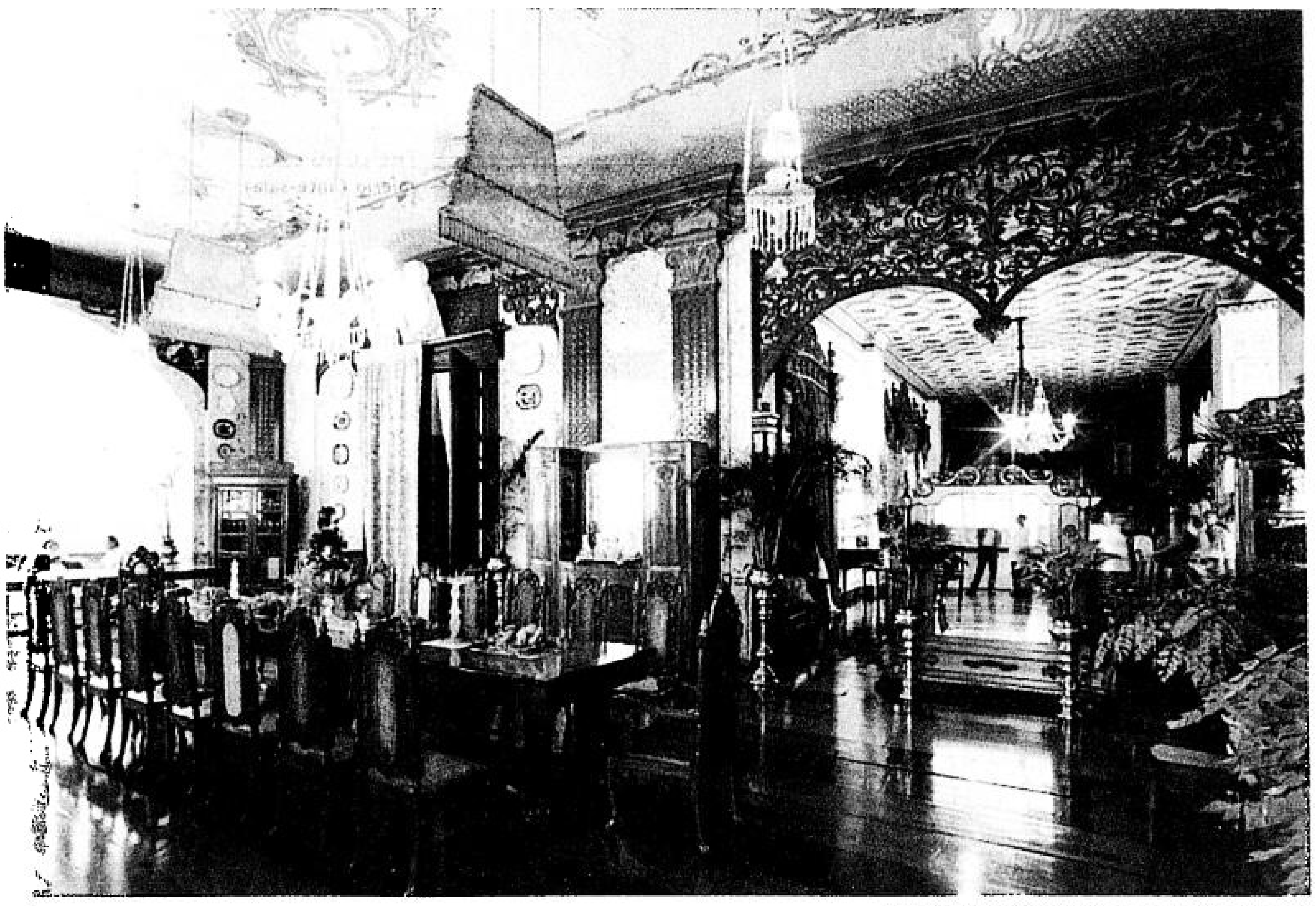
Museo De La Salle is constructed in the style of a 19th-century *casa mayor*. It commands attention for the sheer length of its facade. Behind the structure are a pond, old trees and a garden with a baroque-design, cast-stone fountain and benches, and a profusion of traditional flowering plants such as *gumamela*, *cadena de amor*, *bandera española*, *camantigue*, *sampaguita*, *ylang-ylang* and *adelfa*.

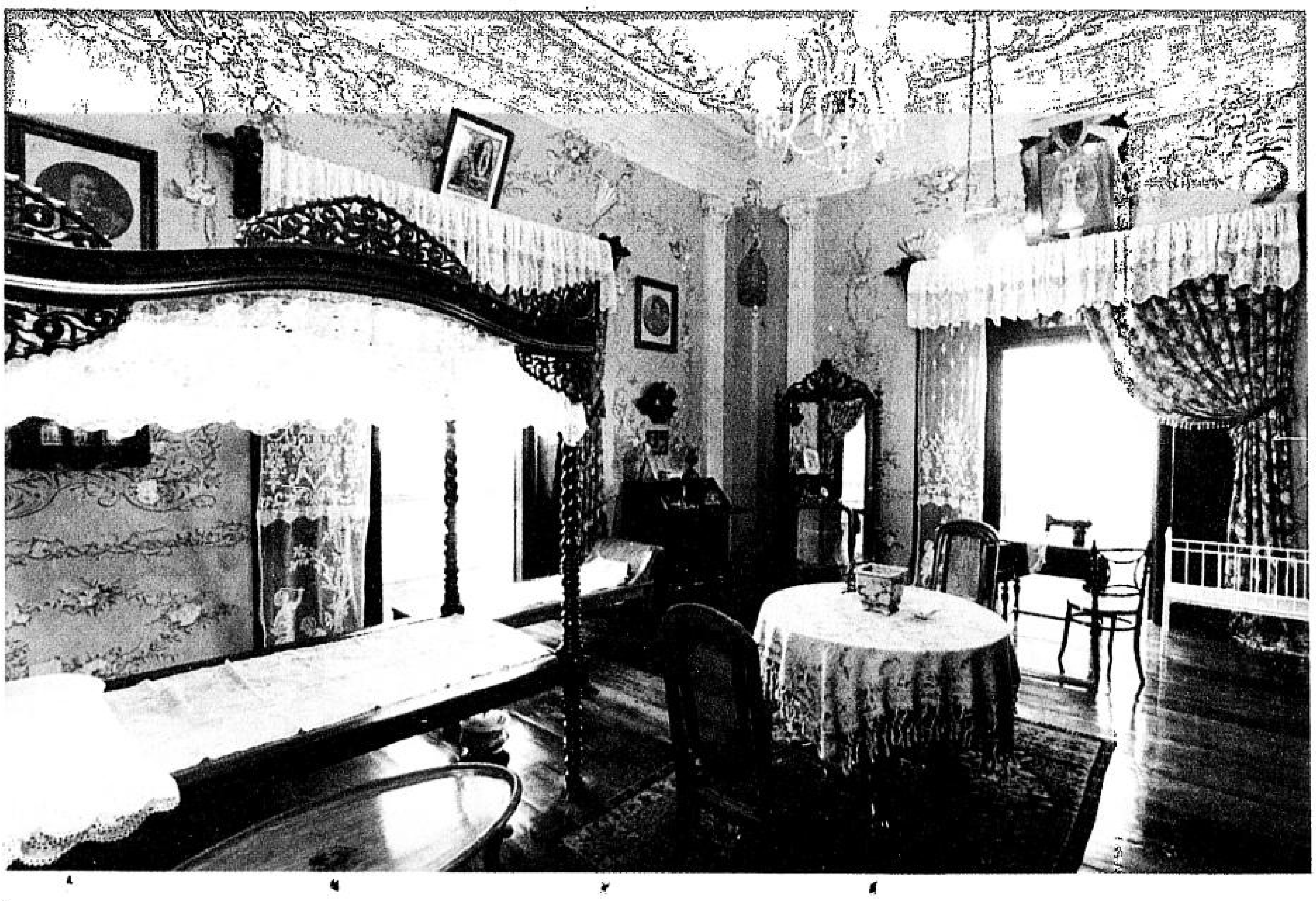
Construction of the museum, originally projected to cost no more than P10 million, started in October 1996 with the help of architect Oscar Mapua Jr.

Bro. Andrew Gonzales is a major benefactor (he donates his earnings as president of the Manila Bulletin and as a member of the boards of some private corporations).

Jose Ma. Ricardo Panlilio, an interior designer and La Sallite, became project manager. Historical consultants included National Museum director Corazon Alvina, restoration architect Augusto Villalon, anthropologist Fernando Nakpil-Zialcita, and decorator and bon vivant Augusto Gonzalez. Assistance was also extended by Bro. Rolando Dizon, F.S.C., who became president of the DLSU system after Bro. Andrew became education secretary; Dr. Herminia D. Torres, executive vice president of DLSU-Dasmariñas; Dr. Myrna F. Ramos, vice president for academics; and Teresita B. Farrell, VP for finance of the DLSU system.



THE *COMEDOR* (dining room) decorated in the *estilo tampingco* or early Philippine art nouveau, characterized by profuse floral and leaf bit motifs



A YOUNG lady's bedroom in shades of old rose and hand-painted floral decorations in the early turn of the 20th-century style

### Authentic decor and contents

Museo De La Salle is "dedicated to the preservation of certain aspects and material culture of the 19th century Philippine *ilustrado* lifestyle."

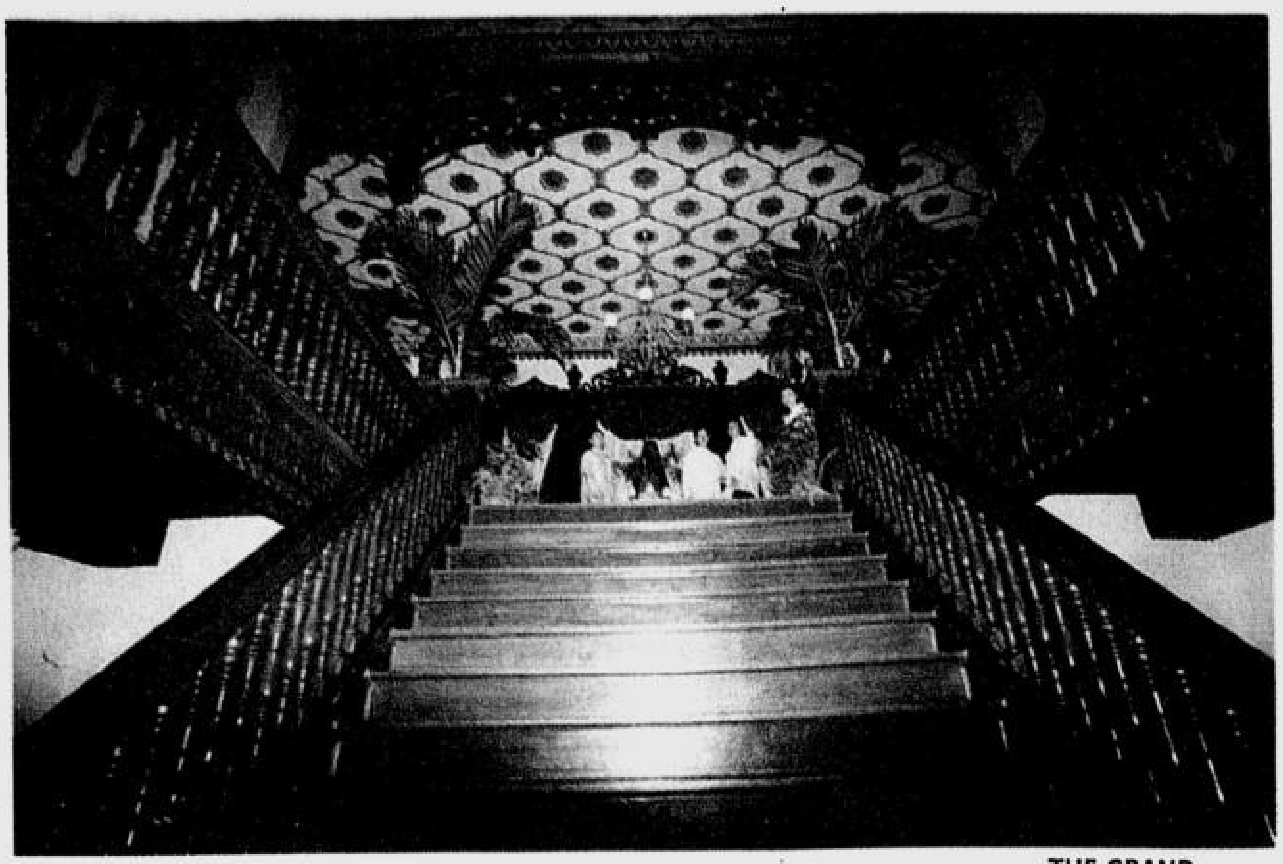
The museum's very high ceiling is imposing. Architectural details such as the *callado* arches, moldings and overdoors, as well as the painstakingly hand-painted trompe l'oeil decoration, followed the scale set by the ceiling. The museum's decor is largely based on actual houses.

The contents of the Museo, which include paintings, religious items and furniture, are all authentic. Many pieces are impressive and important examples of their type. Several of the museum's contents were donated by the Santos Joven-Panlilio family of Pampanga.

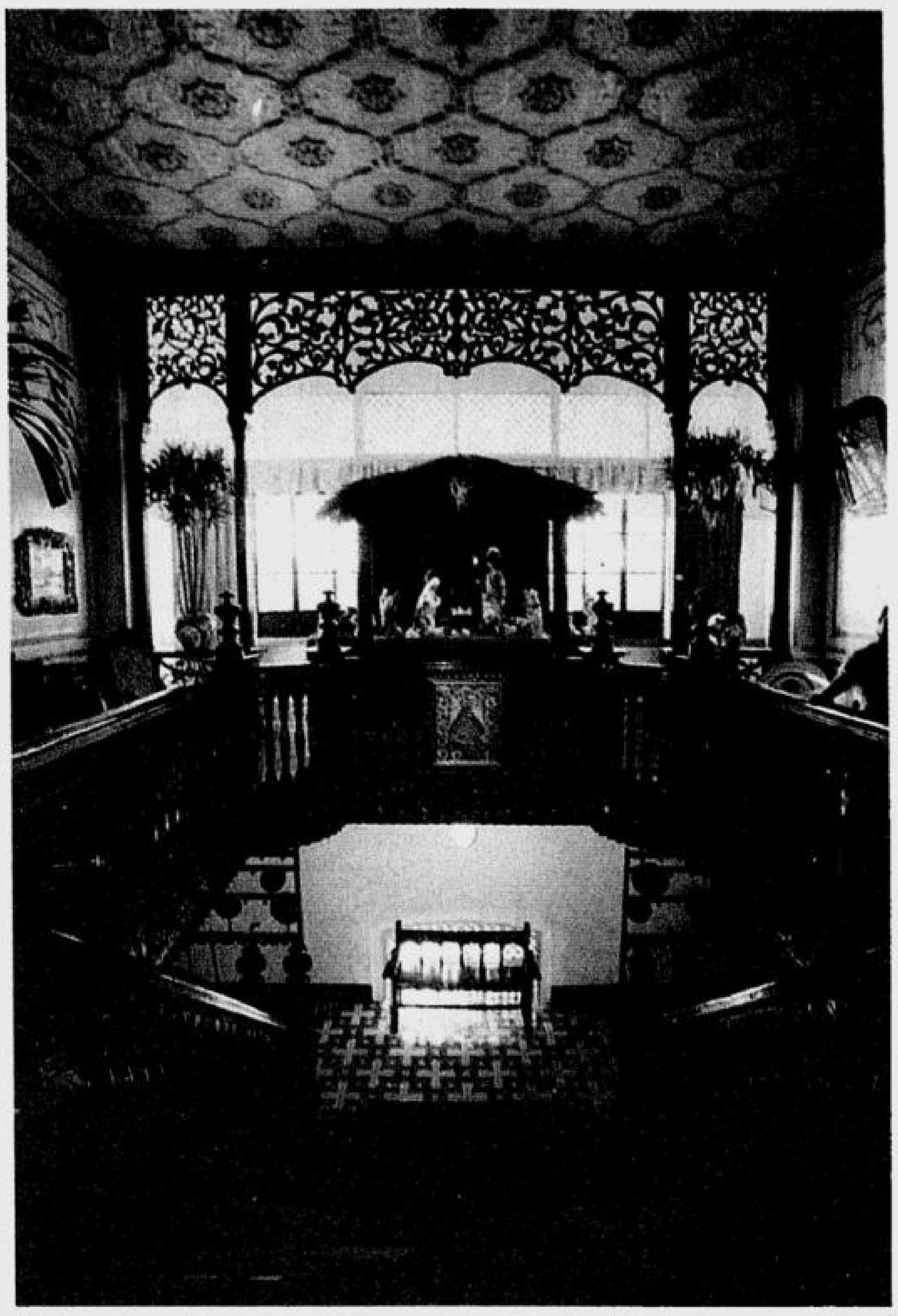
Other distinguished collectors who have donated pieces to the museum are Marie Theresa Lammoglia de Virata, former chair of the National Commission for the Culture and the Arts Jaime C. Laya and Paulino and Hetty Que, Ramon and Marilou Puno Albert, Monique Siguion Reyna Villongco and Victorina Vizcarra Amalingan.

Executive director Panlilio continues his quest for items for the foundation. He is assisted by curator Marlon Lopez, Raymund Anthony Juanillo, Victor Rinon and Cecille Gelicame. Panlilio was able to negotiate recently the indefinite loan of the furniture collection—previously displayed at Nayong Pilipino—from the Guevarra Foundation.

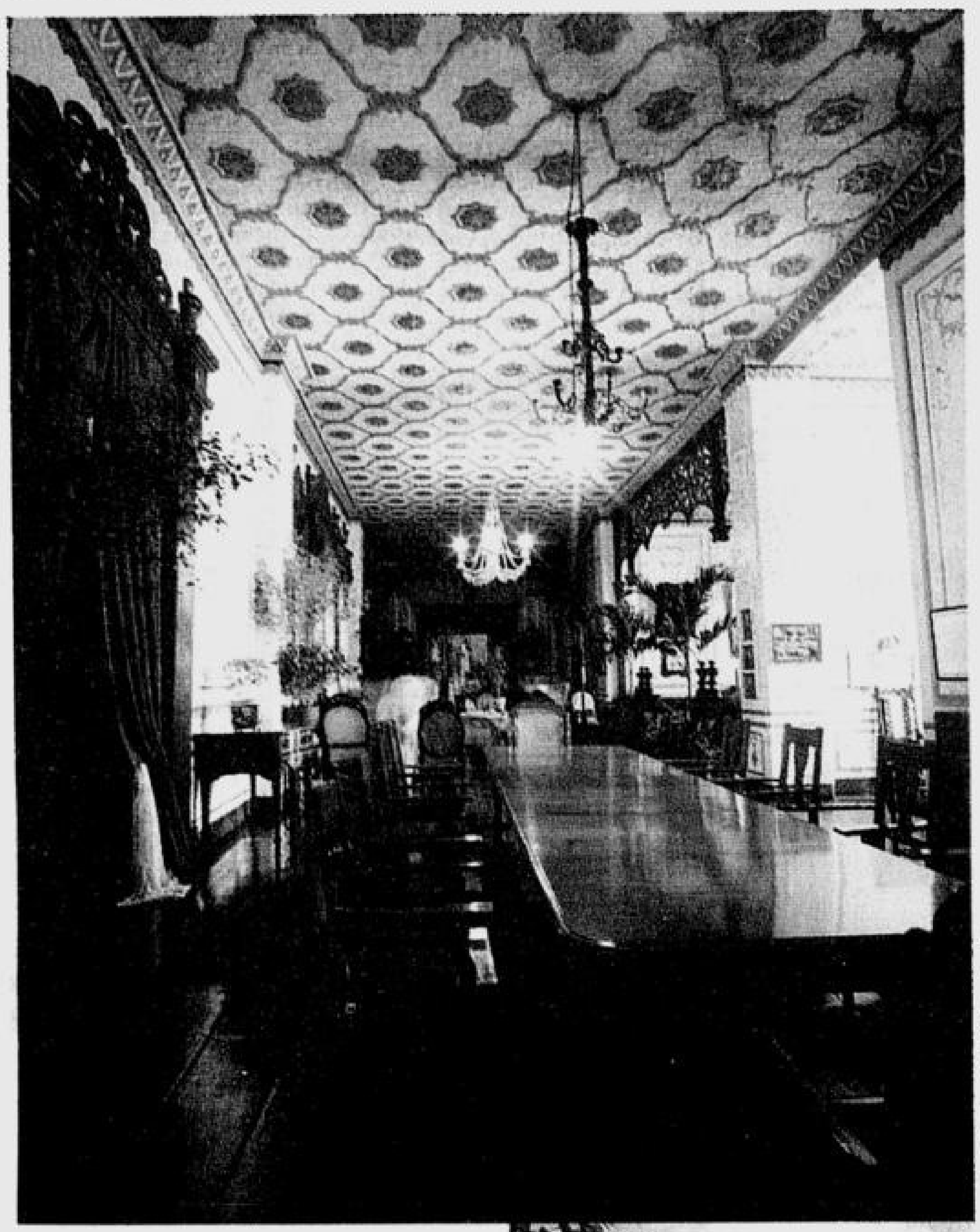
Gonzalez plans to set up an endowment for the maintenance of the museum and a program for utilizing the museum as a learning



**THE GRAND** staircase of *narra* and *ipil* wood salvaged from the lahar-stricken area of Bacolor, Pampanga



**THE *DESCANSA*** or landing area to the *caida* showing the intricately carved *callado* arches and stamped metal tin ceiling imported from Belgium in the 19th century



**THE LONG** *caida/galeria* (ante-sala) furnished and decorated with heirlooms from the Arnedo-Gonzalez family of Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga

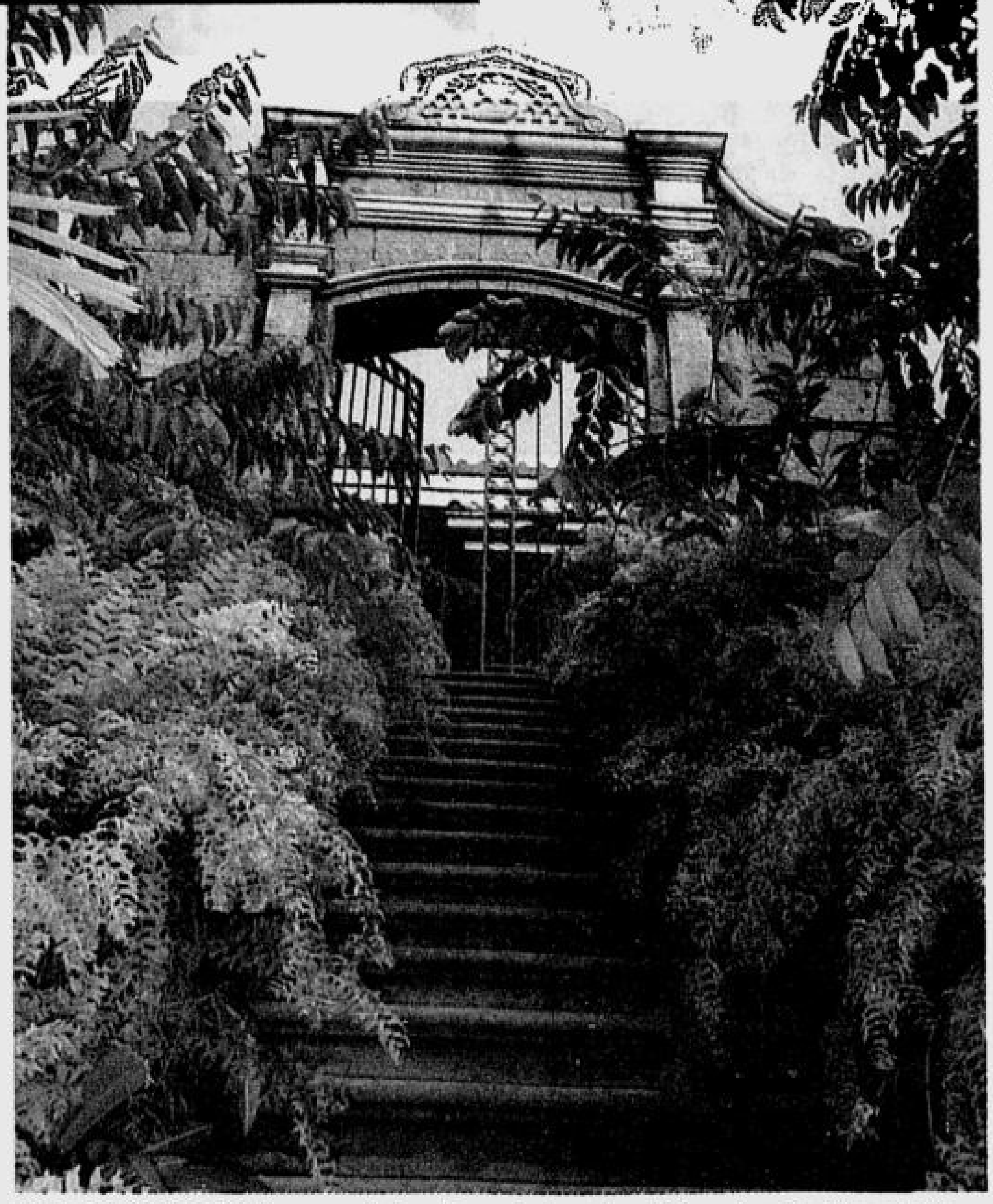
The museum is constructed in the style of a 19th-century 'casa mayor'

tool.

The museum has a souvenir shop called "Bueno, Bonito, Barato," which sells native crafts, curios and little souvenirs. For food and drinks, visitors can go to La Buena Comida, a Philippine food-themed restaurant under the Museo's azotea operated by the Hotel and Restaurant Management College of DLSU-Dasmariñas.

*The Museo De La Salle is open to the public 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call Cecille Gelicame or Victor Rinon at 844-7832/844-9116 local 3151 or (046)416-4397/416-4531.*

**A PANORAMIC** view of the DLSU-Dasmariñas Campus lagoon from the Museo Azotea (open-air terrace)



**THE BACKSTAIRS** Gateway portal, patterned after the old Arnedo y Espiritu gate in Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga, framed by *ylang-ylang* trees and potted ferns

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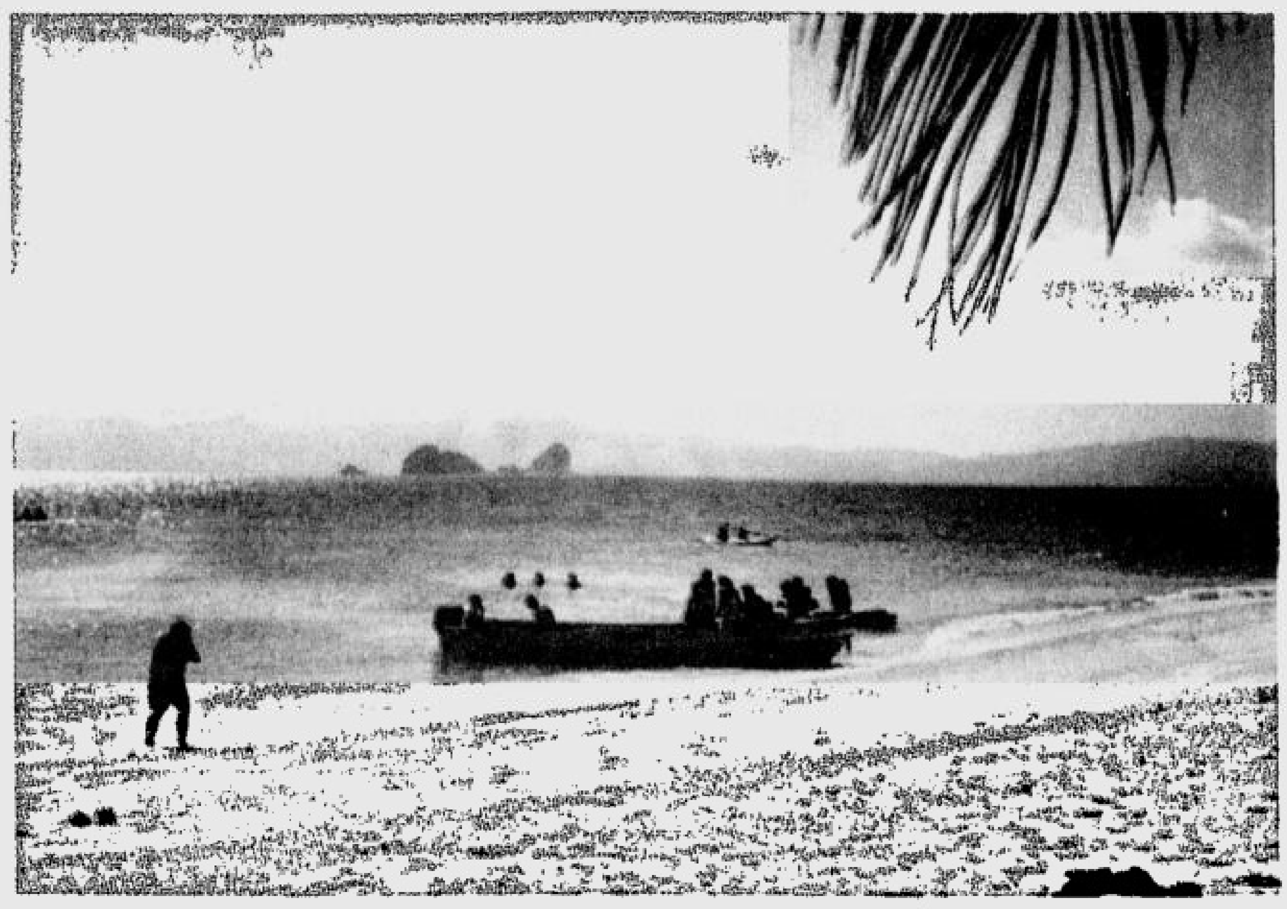
**SUNSET** at Club Noah Isabelle



**VISITORS** to Club Noah Isabelle hop from one island to another for scuba diving, swimming and other activities.

# Holiday resort with eco-friendly touch

**Text and photos by Linda B. Bolido**
*Contributor*

LANDLUBBERS may balk at the idea that the only way to get to and from Club Noah Isabelle is by boat. From the moment the Seair plane, that services the Manila-Taytay-Manila route every day, lands in the northern Palawan municipality, travel will be by sea except for the short drive to the banks of Tamisan River to board the boat that will take them to Apulit Island, where the resort is located.

In fact, the trip to and from Apulit could involve at least three transfers from small to big boats, each way. Small boats often have to ferry passengers from the mangrove-lined river to the sea because it is too shallow for the bigger craft that actually takes guests to the island. Another small boat (sometimes the same one that made the trip from the river to the sea) waits at the outskirts of Apulit to convey the guests to the resort itself.

The complicated maneuver is not the resort's way of calling attention to where it got part of its name (Isabelle is taken from the name of an old Spanish fort in Taytay), although Jose Eduardo "Ito" Tuason, sales and marketing director, admitted that their having to rely on boats to keep the club going inspired the choice. As he pointed out during a recent visit of the 2001 Travel Girls, even the island's drinking water had to be hauled by boat from the mainland.

The boat "relay" is actually part of the club's efforts to protect the ecosystem on Apulit, established as an Eco-Tourism Special Interest Resort. It is also the only way to get to the other islands that comprise the holiday package the club offers.

For Club Noah Isabelle, the eco-friendly holiday it offers begins and is anchored on the resort. Structures and travel arrangements all seem to have been developed to ensure that Apulit and the other islands that comprise the club's "playground" remain in the same state the resort people originally found them. Staff is trained to provide visitors information on the natural, particularly marine, resources in the islands used for various activities and how to protect them.

Visitors will find that although the resort has all the basic necessities, development, confined to just one side, has been pared down to practically the barest essentials, leaving the island almost unchanged. No huge concrete edifice distracts from the appreciation of nature. Guest rooms and all the resort's facilities are connected only by a narrow concrete footpath—just wide enough for two people walking abreast—built at the very edge so as to leave the original vegetation almost undisturbed.

Single cabanas or two-story duplexes, guest accommodations stand on stilts over the sea and are attached to the island like so many oars by wooden catwalks. They are almost spartan in their simplicity. Television junkies may not get their daily "fix" as the only set is at the bar and, unless one brought a mobile phone, there is no landline inside the cottages even to connect to other guests and the service areas. Couples and families wanting to spend quality time together without having to fight off the noise and distraction of the toys of an urban lifestyle will find plenty of opportunity within the "close confines" of Club Noah Isabelle.

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### Fancy system

Having the guestrooms directly above the water required some fancy drainage systems to keep the sea clean. Underneath the wooden bridges are attached the drain pipes which empty into a sewerage treatment plant. The "cleaned" water is then used to maintain areas, which have been landscaped, mainly places where guests congregate.

As for the "inconvenience" of having to transfer from small to big boats and vice versa, the arrangement was also dictated by the need to preserve Apulit's original state as much as possible. The water nearest to the island is not deep enough to accommodate big boats, and the club management has decided to leave it as it is because it draws a different sort of visitors—fish. Human guests only need pieces of bread to enjoy the sight of different fish species without getting a toe wet. Of course, the sight is better underwater, and the club has experts to teach guests both snorkeling and scuba diving. Like the vegetation, the fish and other marine creatures are left undisturbed, as a radius of one mile around the island has been declared marine sanctuary jointly managed by the club management and the Taytay municipal government.

With Club Noah Isabelle drawing nature lovers to this part of Palawan, and with the province promoting itself as the ecotourism capital of the Philippines, Taytay's municipal government has started to look into its own assets so resort guests would do more than just fly in and out of the town. Mayor Roberto Rodriguez has his tourism point man, Vic Azurin, scouring the town for possibilities. So far, Azurin has found waterfalls, natural springs and some very old trees, among others. He said Rodriguez hoped that each barangay would have something different to show guests.

A veritable melting pot with people coming from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao (both the mayor and Azurin were born and partly raised in Antique), Taytay also hopes to showcase the uniqueness of its population with its different cultures and traditions. At the same time, the town, although migrants now make up the majority of the population, wants to develop the indigenous Cuyonin (Cuyo is the name of the town which is the entry port to this part) culture—language, music, literature—to give visitors something they are likely to experience only in this part of the country. The mayor has a steadfast ally in keeping the Cuyonin tradition alive in Ester Dacuan, principal of the Northern Palawan Institute who has started in her school a child-to-child program to teach the indigenous language. At the moment, cultural shows at Fort Isabelle and the resort island (the club's staff members morph into singers and dancers in the evening to entertain guests) already feature Cuyonin dances and songs.

Taytay's efforts to make itself more than just a jump-off point to Apulit are also meant to advance its goal of becoming the capital of northern Palawan, should moves in Congress to divide the province into two succeed. It wants to become La Estrella del Norte (The Northern Star) not just by changing its name, already in the works, but by becoming the hub of a new province.

**A VIEW** of Apulit island and Club Noah Isabelle from an approaching boat

# Royal hunt of the sun

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The resort has a spacious restaurant that offers some of the most succulent dishes that Boracay visitors can feast on. A spectacular breezy verandah café-bar is laid out in front of the resort by the beach where guests can relax under the sun while sipping a drink or two.

Sun Village has been designed with a native tropical look that's perfect for this world-famous, sun-kissed resort island. Local materials such as *nipa*, bamboo and hardwood were used to create a warm and cozy atmosphere. Asian and Philippine arts, crafts and furniture add exotic touches to the resort.

The opening of Sun Village was celebrated in style with a two-night extravaganza. A grand sunset beach party was held on the first night, where guests reveled in great food, great atmosphere and great music courtesy of the Jazzed Up Band.

The party continued on the second night at the grand finals of the first-ever Boracay Bodies Model Search 2002, a modeling competition that celebrates the Boracay essence of travel, fashion and good life.

With the opening of Sun Village Beachfront, Boracay now has two Sun Village Resorts. The Sun Village Hilltop Resort continues to welcome and treat guests with its 12 air-conditioned rooms, lush tropical greens, cool hilltop breeze and Asian décor.

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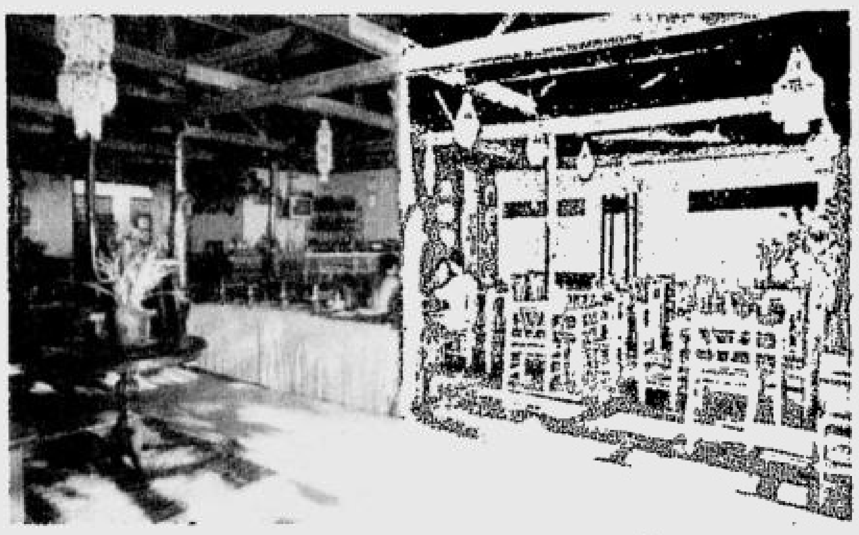

**BREEZY** verandah café-bar

**PITOY** Moreno (center) with friends (standing, from left) Ditas Jalbuena, Mercy Tuason, Vicky Delgado, Nene Quimson, Meldy Cojuangco, Ronnie Alejandro, Celia Laurel, Fides Ascencio; (seated, from left) Toti Fernandez, Lorna Laurel, Millie del Rosario, Chito Madrigal Collantes and Nelly Gonzalez

**ARTISTIC PURSUITS.** Imelda Cojuangco (center), founding chair of the J. Moreno Scholarship Foundation, with grantees from the UP College of Fine Arts, foundation trustees Corito Kalaw and Celia Rodriguez, and honoree Pitoy Moreno

**MEDICAL MISSION.** Cojuangco with scholars from UP College of Medicine

# Friends honor Pitoy Moreno

JOSE "Pitoy" Moreno was feted on his birthday at the Tower Club by his friends Imelda Cojuangco, Nene Quimson, Nelly Gonzalez and Vicky Quirino Delgado. His guests also received gold vases of impatiens and African violets from Toni Parsons. In the afternoon, a Mass was held at the residence of Rep. Rene and Yaying Dragon, which was celebrated by Fr. Mac Reyes of Ateneo.

As founding chair of the J. Moreño Foundation, Meldy Cojuangco awarded scholarship grants to the UP College of Medicine and the UP College of Fine Arts, where Moreno graduated. Moreno's former models since the 1960s, who showed the best of Moreno's Philippine couture in Paris, Monaco, Madrid, London, New York, Washington, Tokyo, Morocco, Rome and China, also attended the affair.

**AMBASSADOR** Albert del Rosario, Nene Quimson and Mely Hechanova

**ZITA** Feliciano

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In fact, one can always go to Hub and try out the phones first-hand because the store features live demo units of the latest models available for the customers to try. Rest assured, Hub always has a sneak preview of the latest and up-coming models in its inventory so customers who go to Hub know what to expect next. Customers who go to Hub also know that Hub carries with it the Globe guarantee of all-original parts, one-hour activation on new line applications and one-year warranty.

There are currently two Hub stores in the country – one in Level 2, Glorietta 4 at the Ayala Center Makati and another at Level 3 of Power Plant in Rockwell, Makati.

**The Ericsson T68, which can download pictures, is the featured phone in the Hub.**

Customers always find lots of exciting reasons to visit Hub. Whether they are out to buy a cellphone or to check out the latest accessories, customers who visit Hub get to be exposed to the hottest trends in wireless phone applications like surfing the Internet with GPRS handsets, sending multiple SMS messages or viewing e-mails through the PDA in real-time; and other future mobile technology applications such as making a phone call through your PDA.

Another store attraction, Hub's "Future Exchange" shelf which shows what is to come in the mobile technology scene – showcases gadgets such as the most advanced models of MP3 players, PDAs, digital cameras, and other "must-have" products.

Things are always happening at Hub and it's not just in phones. Aside from the newest phones, gadgets and technologies, customers can look forward to great promotions, offerings and surprises to be offered at the Hub.

Hub's latest and most exciting event to date is its current "Photo Phenomenon" promo. In keeping with its thrust to showcase the mobile technology advancements, Hub unveils the Photo Phenomenon to offer its customers the opportunity to experience for the first time the downloading of photo images via the cellular phone.

In providing its customers a "digital photo experience," Hub is offering the Photo Phenomenon in both its Glorietta and Power Plant centers. The promo allows customers who purchase an Ericsson T68 at the Hub to have their picture taken using their phone and have it framed on the photo screen for free. Hub customers who buy an Ericsson T39 can also get to join in the Photo Phenomenon activities.

Availers of the Photo Phenomenon experience can also have a chance to win an Ericsson Communicam unit in a raffle. The photos taken from the customers will be the entries used for a weekly electronic raffle where one Ericsson Communicam – eight in all – will be raffled off each week. The Photo Phenomenon will be available at the Hub until April 30 only.

The Ericsson T68, the featured phone in the Hub Photo Phenomenon, is Ericsson's latest phone model capable of downloading photo images which can serve as phone wall papers. A most impressive mobile phone, the T68 is a triple-band phone with a full color screen that is small, lightweight yet powerful. It is packed with groundbreaking features including GPRS, Bluetooth-capability and advanced calendar and contacts features.

The Communicam, on the other hand, is the tiny camera accessory that snaps on to the base of the Ericsson T68, allowing users to take digital photos as they would using a regular camera. Just like in a camera, the user only needs to see his subjects through the lens and click the button – and a photographic image is produced.

Using the combination of the T68 and the Communicam, Hub customers can learn at the Photo Phenomenon how they ca take their snapshots and then save these on their phone screens, forward them for storage in a myGlobe StorIt acount or send them to any e-mail address. Photos and pictures taken using the T68 can also be delivered to other T68's, PDAs and personal customers.

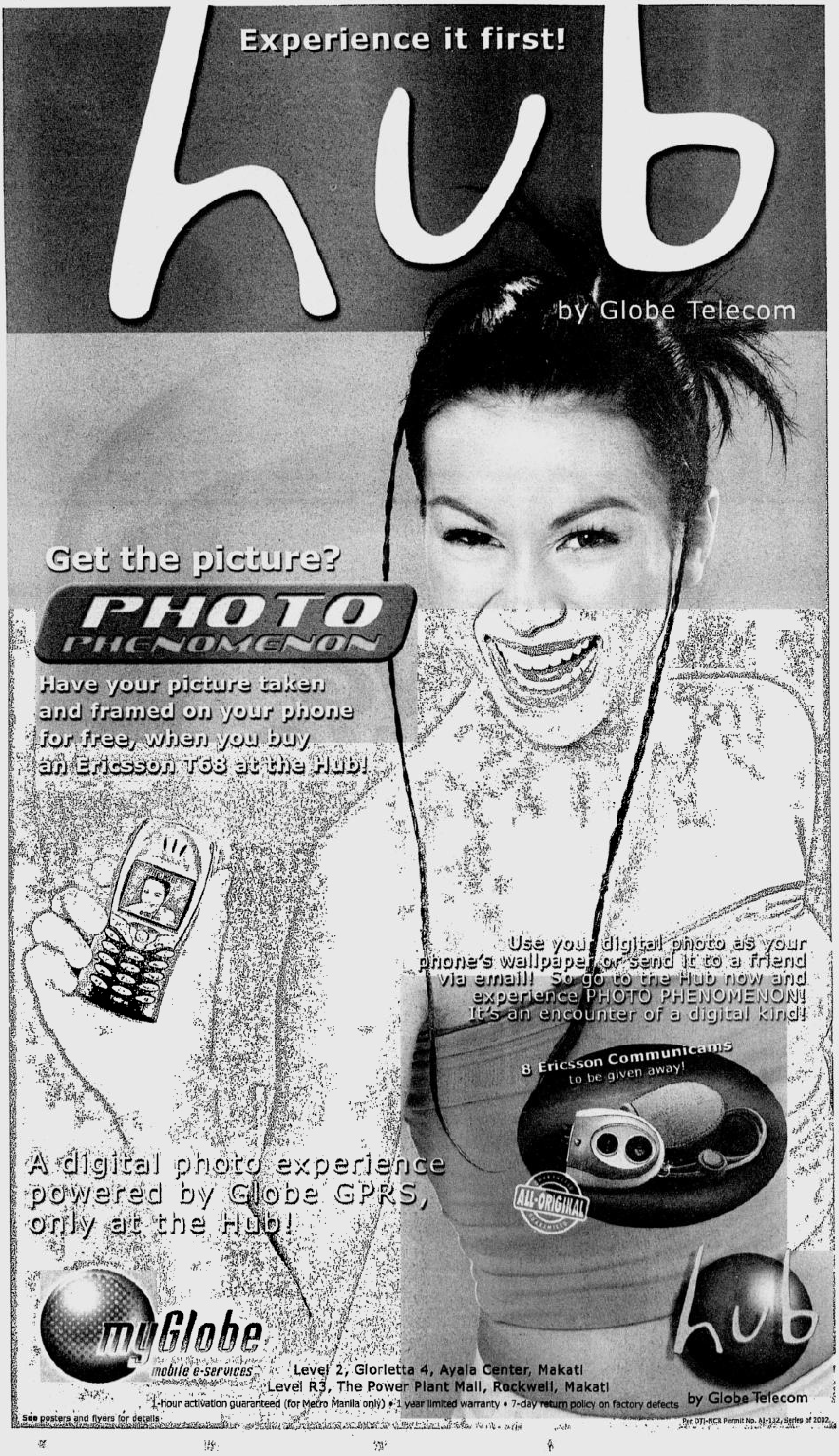
One of the first to try out the photo-taking powers of the Ericsson T68 and Communicam was no less than topnotch photographer Raymund Isaac when he took pictures of everyone who attended the launch night of the Photo Phenomenon in Hub Power plant. Using just the phone instead of his usual heavy cameras, Raymond enjoyed asking guests to pose and smile so he can take their souvenir photos. And with a camera expert like Raymund behind the T68, you can bet that the photos that he took could easily be the highlight of any cellphone screen or digital photo album!

During this event, some of Manila's executives, techies, jet-seters and good-looking faces converged at the store to view the phone and see for themselves what the new cellular photo technology is capable of. Staff of the Power plant Hub happily explained the steps on how easy it was to take pictures using the T68 and Communicam and pretty soon, some of the guests were joining Raymund in taking digital photos too.

Among those that Raymund took pictures of at the party were congressman Gilbert Remulla, actor Patrick Guzman, DJ Manolette Dario, Rustan's Anton Huang, Marks and Spencer's Mike Huang, model Nicole Schulze, TV news personality Nancy Irlanda, Pepper Teehankee, Philip Cuunjeng, eventologist and Raymond's brother JR Isaac, Pinky Webb, businessman Tom Valderrama and Ericsson's Miguel Rodrigo.

With many more weeks to go before April 30, there's still plenty of time for visitors at the Hub to join the roster of all those that experienced the Photo Phenomenon which have had their pictures proudly displayed on their newly-purchased T68 phones. Who knows? Aside from giving you fun and excitement, the T68 phone that you buy just might win you a Communicam during the Photo Phenomenon's weekly raffle.

Ask about the Photo Phenomenon the next time you visit a Hub store.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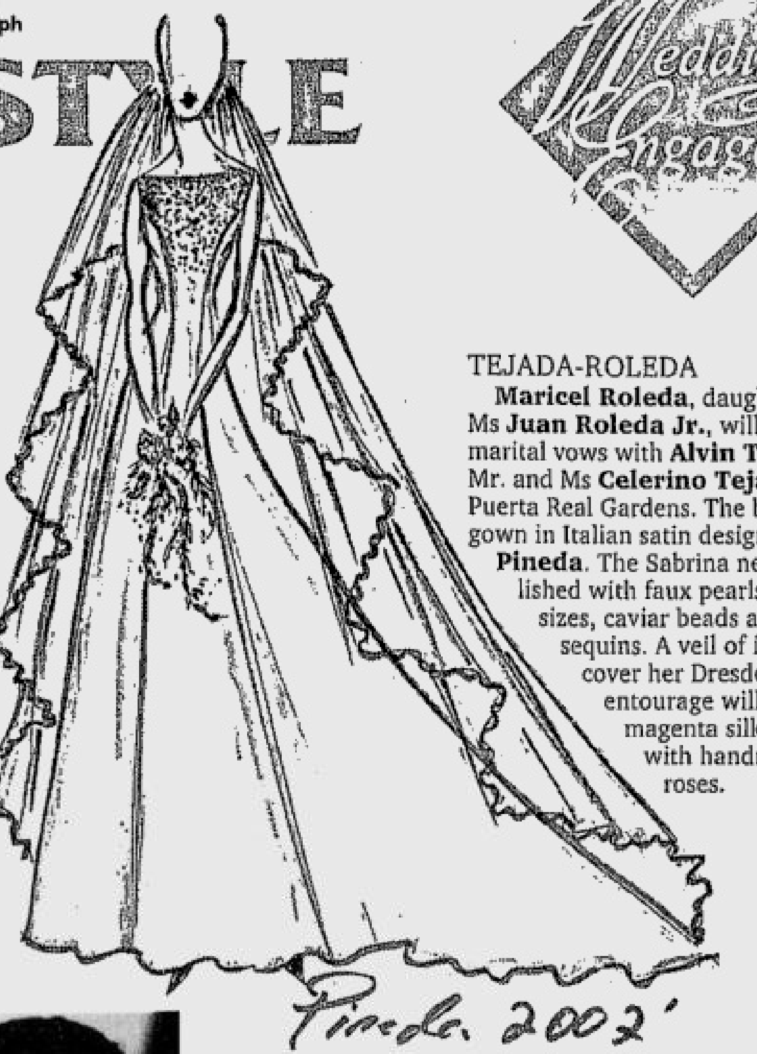
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TEJADA-ROLEDA

**Maricel Roleda**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Juan Roleda Jr.**, will exchange marital vows with **Alvin Tejada**, son of Mr. and Ms **Celerino Tejada**, today at the Puerta Real Gardens. The bride will wear a gown in Italian satin designed by **Eric Pineda**. The Sabrina neckline is embellished with faux pearls in graduated sizes, caviar beads and iridescent sequins. A veil of illusion tulle will cover her Dresden features. The entourage will wear gowns in magenta silk crepe accented with handmade cabbage roses.

GRIARTE-DONES

**Kenneth Martin Griarte** and **Raliza Dones** were wed in solemn ceremonies on Feb. 9 at the San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila. Reception followed at the Teatrillo, Casa Manila, Intramuros. From left, Kenneth's sister **Cala**; Rea's brother **Nel**; the bride's mother, **Asita Rea**; mother of the groom, **Olive**; **Karen**, younger sister of Kenneth; and **Conrado Griarte**, father of the groom.

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**Nelson Ty**, son of **Felicidad vda. de Ty**, wed **Christine Manuel**, daughter of **Emarlinda P. Manuel**, on Jan. 27 at the San Roque de Monte Pellier Church, Zamboanga City. Rev. Fr. **Crisologo Manongas** officiated at the ceremony. The couple received their well-wishers and relatives at the Lotus Restaurant, Grand Astoria Hotel.

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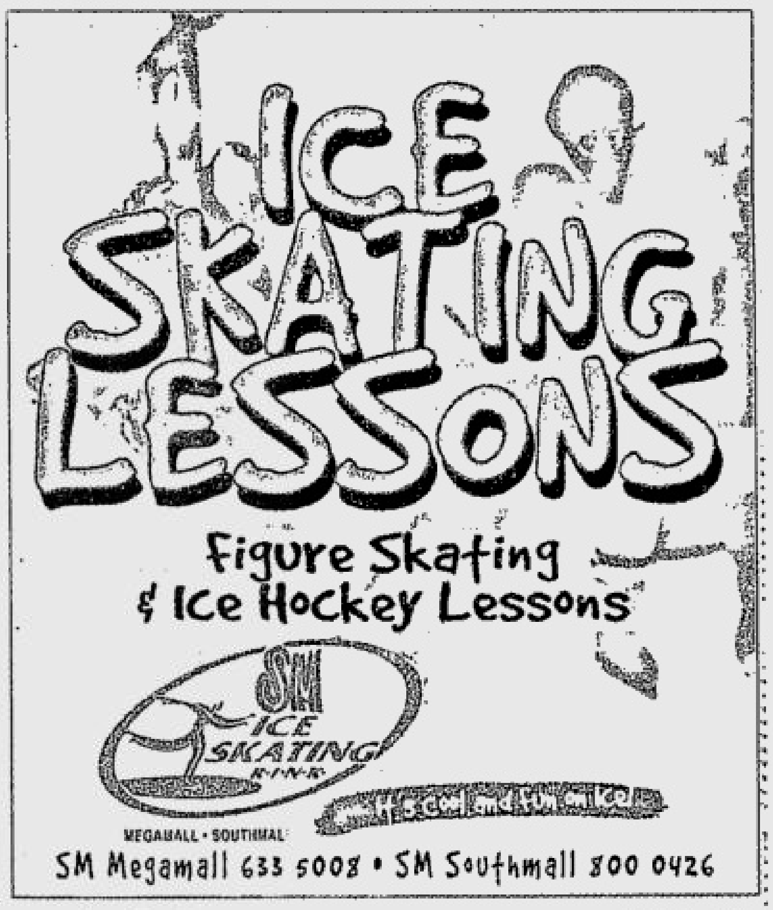

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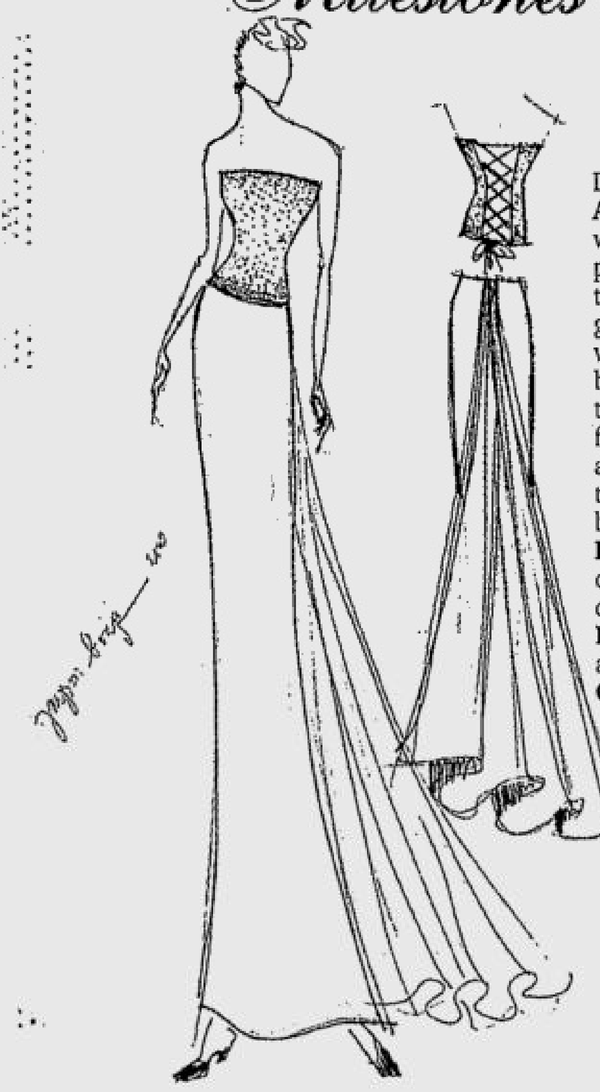


DEBUTANTE **Aisa Castillo** wore a two-piece gown of twinkle organza tafetta with cut beadwork in the bodice that flowed out into a multi-layered train designed by **Jayson Borja.** The debutante is the daughter of **Ferdinand** and **Connie Castillo** of Hulo, Mandaluyong City.

### GAMAYON-RAPACON

**Edgar Paul M. Gamayon**, son of Mr. and Ms **Rodolfo Gamayon**, will wed **Michelle Ruth T. Rapacon**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Corazon Rapacon**, on April 18 at the St. Williams Cathedral, Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. Officiating priest will be Rev. Fr. **Amador Foz**. Reception will follow at the Malacañang Ti Amianan, Brgy. Suba, Paoay, Ilocos Norte. Brides International of L.A., California, USA will design the bride's gown, while **Randy Leaño** of Laoag City and **Mark Pablico** of Batac, Ilocos Norte will design the entourage.

### SILLA-SEVILLA

Engineer **Irvin Dyan G. Silla**, son of **Rodolfo** and **Anacorita Silla**, wed **Ma. Rhodora "Doyet" J. Sevilla**, daughter of **Francisco** and **Julieta Sevilla**, on Nov. 10 at the Manila Cathedral. Rev. Fr. **Noel B. Azupardo** officiated the ceremonies. Reception followed at the Ramon Magsaysay Hall. **Enan Almando** designed the entourage.

### ARMENIO-ABELO

**Godfrey Armenio**, son of Mr. and Ms **Godofredo Armenio**, exchanged marital vows with **Sheila Marie S. Abelo**, daughter of **Iluminada S. vda. de Abelo**, on Feb. 28 at the St. Pancratius Chapel, Paco Park. Reception was held at Manila Manor Hotel.

# Debutante's celebration in fairyland

A FAIRY tale came true as Ma. Rene Ann Lourdes A. Garcia, the daughter of Parañaque prosecutor Renato L. Garcia and Nenita A. Garcia, celebrated her 18th birthday in grand fashion at the Maynila, Manila Hotel, on Jan. 26.

The ballroom was transformed into a fairyland by Larry Natividad of the Wedding Library, decorating the place with pink roses, gerberas, carnation and vanda orchids. A portrait of the debutante was also displayed at the ballroom, which was filled with sparkling tivoli lights.

Roman pillars at the main entrance were accentuated with silver and fuchsia fabrics, while the grand fountain was adorned with fresh flowers, exuding a festive mood.

Escorted by his brother, Rene A. Garcia, Ann wore a gown designed by Auggie Cordero. Made of multilayered marble fuchsia and pink silk organza, it was decorated with rosettes, caviar, pearls and Swarovski crystals on the cutout lace. Gold accent mixed with cut beads accentuated the bodice cascading into the full skirt of soft fuchsia tulle.

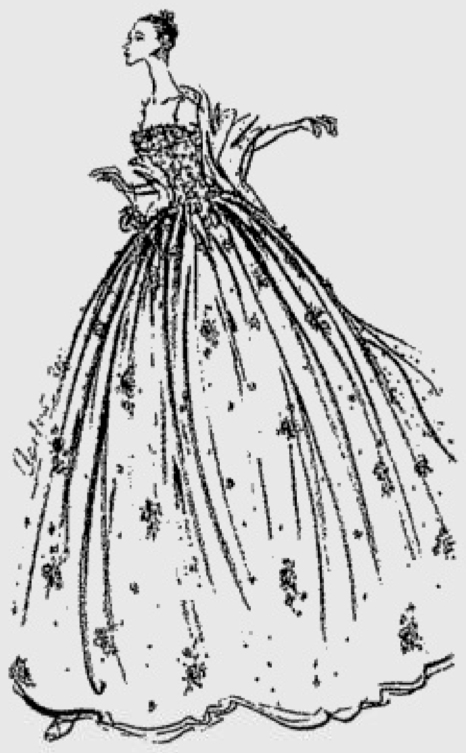
Highlighting the occasion was the *cotillon de honor*, which was a combination of ballroom dances accompanied by modern music. Ann and her entourage wowed her guests with a stunning interpretation of rumba, tango and Latin numbers and sexy modern dance choreographed and conceptualized by Margot Esplana, Noel Lapuz and Grace Fortun of the Wings and Motions Productions Inc.

Music was provided by the Leggiero Strings while the party was hosted by Andrew Que of Happy Events and choreographer Margot Esplana.

Ann's father serenaded her with the song, "My Love Will See You Through." In return, Ann sang "You Were There" and thanked her parents and everyone who shared in the momentous occasion.

Ann is a freshman student at the University of Asia & the Pacific taking up liberal arts.

RENE Ann in her fuschia and pink ball gown by Auggie Cordero



BROTHER Reneboy, the debutante Ann, parents Rene and Nanette Garcia

RENE Ann with her friends at Manresa School during her high school days

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# Orphaned boyfriend is torn between her and his family

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**Recently he told me that he wanted to be a priest, and that bothered me a lot. You see, something has already happened between us. He was my first. I don't want to let him go.**

**I don't know if I'm just being paranoid, but he seems to have changed after what happened between us. He's seeing me less often lately. I know he's busy working for his family, but I need him, too. He said he would marry me, but he had not mentioned that again. I don't know if he still has plans for us, but I believe that he loves me and is just quite burdened with responsibilities. How can I help him?**

**Sometimes I think he's trying to (make me feel) disappointed in him me so I'd leave him. But I won't leave, and I'll work to save our relationship. It is just that it seems I'm the only one working on it.**

**MADDIE**

There's a bright side to all of this: If you were not important to him, he would have already dumped you so he could concentrate on being his family's new breadwinner. The fact that he hasn't broken up with you suggests that you are as important to him as his family.

His choices are not easy. Maybe that's why he is thinking of the priesthood. If he becomes a priest, neither you nor his family could accuse him of abandonment because none of you would dare compete with God. I hope he will realize, however, that he should choose priesthood because he wants to serve God and not because he's avoiding his other responsibilities.

I would not blame him if he chooses his family over you. His family truly needs him now.

If he is honest and responsible and truly loves you, he will ask you to stick with him as he first meets his family obligations.

Should he suggest that, think how long you may have to wait. Could you wait? And how confident are you that, in the meantime, neither he nor you would have a change of heart?

Ask yourself why you are sticking with him now. Is it mainly because you honestly love him? Or is it because you'd be dishonored if the man who has taken your virginity does not marry you?

I think you should make an honest stand on the issues I've raised. If, in the end, you still decide to stay with him, then help him by pointing out that he does not have to make a choice between you and his family. Tell him you're willing to wait until he is free of his family obligations.

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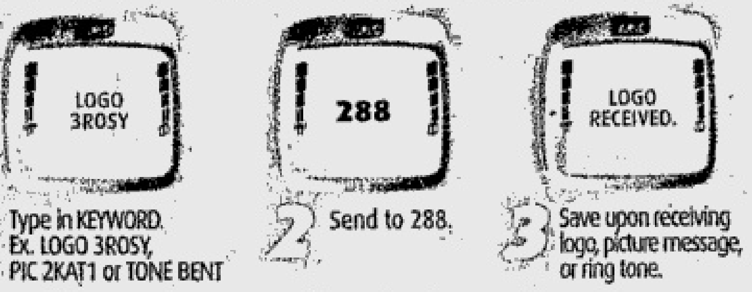
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*Sunday* LIFESTYLE

# Why don't *you* look at yourself in the mirror?

**BOLD** star and pseudo broadcaster Rosanna "Osang" Roces gets personal.

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By Alex Y. Vergara

I'M MADE! From an obscure journalist, I've been thrust into the limelight, thanks to the country's leading *bombera,* Rosanna Roces.

The "retouched" one had obviously resented her inclusion in my recent fashion review, and she made her displeasure known two Saturdays ago on TV. Never mind if I didn't criticize her CD-studded dress, much less her person, but merely commented on the idea behind it. I simply said designer Eddie Baddeo's high-tech design that graced a recent Lifestyle page was more original than her anti-piracy statement.

Right on her top-rating show-biz talk show "Startalk," Osang publicly dared me to take a long, hard look at the mirror, implying, of course, that I am wanting in the looks department.

What a waste of time and great disservice to the viewers of her show! What did she accomplish by dragging my name and calling me a "horse" on air? Did the public really care? ("Alex who?" her viewers must have wondered.)

Most important, will it change my opinion of her? After that personal tirade against me, take a wild guess.

I've explained my position about these annual fashion reviews when a veteran entertainment editor from another daily criticized them two years ago.

I've said it before and let me now say it again: Movie stars are paid millions for their physical attractiveness, so they have the obligation to look stunning and appealing in public. They owe it to the fans, they owe it to the industry, they owe it to themselves.

And as public properties, they have to bear in mind that they're fair game every time they step out of their homes and face the spotlight. That's the price of fame.

You can't just take the money and run—you have to play the part, fix your teeth and whatever else needs fixing, buy clothes that woo the cameras and the fans, drop the *palengkera* talk, hide your flaws, do what's acceptable, shine like a star, etc. Tall order for a mere mortal? Tough.

As a lifestyle-entertainment journalist, it's my stroke of bad luck to report and inject my opinions on what these celebrities say and do and how they look in public (and, occasionally, even in private). I'd be remiss if I turned a blind eye and didn't come out with a story ripe with juicy items, whether blind or not.

Believe me, I don't exactly relish putting people down, especially hapless bold stars exploited by managers and clueless designers to wear laughable or barely-there outfits that would make even Satan blush.

It's a tough job but someone's got to do it, and in this paper, that happens to be me. I have to say whether those outfits dazzle or suck. For the nth time, this is purely my opinion on certain stars' overall looks and not a personal attack on people I hardly know from Adam.

## Salute

Over the years, I have dissed the fashion statements of, among others, such celebrities and style icons as Pops Fernandez and Sharon Cuneta. Now is a good time to say that I salute both of them.

I'm sure the Concert Queen had a lot to say about my opinions—you'd have to be either made of stone or a zombie not to feel the sting—but, like a truly first-class act, she kept her displeasure to herself or within the confines of her inner circle.

Pops even sent me a personal note assuring me that although she was hurt, she respected my opinions. If I remember right, the note came with a pack of Starbucks coffee and a stainless steel mug.

I had a good laugh when a colleague from a fan mag who, upon learning of her gesture, tried to impute some malice into the gifts. He said they were Pops' way of reminding me to shut up and drink more coffee so I'd be wide awake whenever I faced the mirror.

If that were so, my hats off to her for the subtlety of the retaliation. Loaded or not, Pops' gesture was highly appreciated by me. But has it ever stopped me from pointing out her fashion faux pas again? The answer is no.

My admiration also goes out to Sharon. For the longest time, the Megastar reportedly avoided being "Playtimed" due to some *tampo* she had with the Lifestyle staff. Sharon reportedly didn't find it amusing when we made comparisons of her near-identical awards season outfits during the year she gained considerable weight and scored a grand slam for her superb performance in "Madrasta."

Like Pops, Sharon refrained from showing her displeasure in public. If anything, these two women have proven that there are still stars out there who are sure of themselves and their places in the industry. Journalists, malicious or otherwise, have to try harder to ruffle their hairdos and sense of self.

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**PORTRAIT** of a lady: Pops Fernandez

**SECURE** sense of self: Sharon Cuneta

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**CHIC CO-HOST** Tessa Prieto-Valdes resplendent in her Inno Sotto gown

# Bonding with the world's best-loved spy

By Tim Yap

A SEA of black-clad "dressed to kill" revelers all sipping their martinis—"shaken, not stirred," naturally—witnessed the unveiling of the first in a series of fresh and flirtatious timepieces inspired by the world's most popular spy.

Faster than you can say "Bond, James Bond..." Swatch commandeered the entire West Drive Street fronting Venezia and surrounded it with couches before a big stage. Upon entry to the strictly by-invitation affair, a hostess in the form of Tessa Prieto-Valdes (transformed into Shirley Bassey by makeup guru Patrick Rosas) welcomed you into her scintillating spy playground of tuxedoed men as well as vamps and vixens, all in black.

A Swatch helicopter then came flying around the audience, a triple-A list of Manila society that only "Her Majesty" Virgie Ramos can entice, on a Monday night at that.

Front row seats went to Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala, who looked more dapper than Sean Connery, and his family, wife Bea, granddaughter Mariana, daughters Bea the Younger and Sophia.

The other couch had the Binay sisters Nancy (who was with husband Pepito Angeles), Abby and Ann. Right behind them were bright, young things China Cojuangco and Cris Villonco, who came with mom Monique and dad Opap. Beside them were couple Xander and Mons Romulo-Tantoco. On the last couch sat Girlie Rodis, Zsa Zsa Padilla and comedy king Dolphy. Whew, thank God for photographic memory.

Models, celebrities, pillars of industries and the scene's movers and shakers—they all looked up and looked around as the flying machine landed toward the stage. Swatch hunk Troy Montero then came on, clad in overalls. "Take it off, take it off!" screamed the audience, taking inspiration from the tagline of his first Swatch billboard. And he did—only to reveal a tux underneath.

## Mission accomplished

"I am agent Cody, and I have a mission tonight..." he moved in the most suave manner, very agent-like. Later he introduced his partner for the night, a svelte Kris Aquino who sauntered onstage in her "Game Ka Na Ba?" best, quizzing the celebrities present on Bond trivia.

"Is that your final answer?" her chi chi co-host Tessa would ask the guest being quizzed. To which Kris would utter in mock irritation "Wrong show, and I thought we were close friends." They have great rapport, these chums.

**BOND. . .** Jaime Bond. Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala, complete with Swatch and Swatch Band, gives Sean Connery a run for his secret service money.

**BOND FEMMES.** Bond Girl Sarah Meier a.k.a. Swatch Babe . . .

. . . **DOÑA** Bea Zobel

. . . **MARIANA** Zobel with her Swatch Christmas Special Edition

**BONDING.** Bond launch mastermind Virgie Ramos with NBS' business brains Socorro Ramos . . .

Kris then called Don Jaime onstage to do the honors of unveiling the Swatch James Bond Collection. Before that, a life-sized Don Jaime "Bond" portrait was given to the artist slash uber businessman. Then, at the count of three, Don Jaime unveiled the first five watches in the Swatch collection inspired by the Bond movies "Dr. No," "From Russia with Love," "Goldfinger," "Thunderball" and "You Only Live Twice."

"A secret search for a Bond girl was conducted," said Kris. A video took us into the world of MTV VJ Sarah Meier, now the Swatch babe and Manila's "it girl." The minute she walked onstage and whirled through those daring stunts, the audience was enthralled. KC Montero did a surprise appearance, for what would a Gift Gate event be without surprises? The evening was, indeed, full of surprises—from on-the-spot gifts to games to Buddy Bears raining down from the sky.

Guests were then ushered into Venezia, where an exhibit of the Swatch James Bond Collection watches and Bijoux accessories awaited them. "I've never seen Venezia look this elegant!" remarked someone. Guests took a first peek and immediately bought their own pieces straight from the exhibit. "I can't wait, it's a very nice watch collection," said Dennis Valdes, who got the "Goldfinger" timepiece.

The secret is out—the Swatch James Bond Collection is the hottest action in town. So, what are you waiting for? A license to kill? Go ahead, you only live twice.

. . . **LAWYER** Pong Salud with wife Chit

. . . **SISTERS** Abby, Angeline and Nancy Binay

. . . **FAMILY** Villonco, Cris with dad Opap and mom Monique

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# Why don't you look at yourself in the mirror?

From page F1

## Difference

Now comes Osang. Whatever are we to do with Osang? She tells me to look at the mirror before I bring out my pen. Like it would make a difference if I were blessed with half-German features (no, thank you) or had a celebrated cosmetic surgeon at my beck and call to augment Mother Nature's jokes or regularly siphon off my excess fat. The fact is I don't need gorgeous looks to report on what's happening out there. I get to write for the INQUIRER not because I'm oozing with charm, but because I have the nose for news, the radar for detecting muck and a good command of English.

For the same reason, I didn't pan any members of the Philippines Movie Press Club who came on stage, even if many of them wore outfits that wouldn't exactly make it to the pages of Vogue (well, a number of them did have good taste). Those people, though some of them are quite visible on TV, don't earn their keep by looking good. Like me, they're press people, not movie stars, for chrissakes!

We'll always belong to opposite sides of the fence, Osang and I. She's in the fantasy business; I'm in the reality business. When she's old and her beauty is too faded and her body too gross for fantasy, I will still be dishing out regular doses of reality and it's highly likely I will continue to do so until the day I die. Of course, that can all change if I decide to quit to manage talents or, God forbid, scale the fence and join her in the zany world of show biz.

Osang bragged that she and her nameless staff were better at the panning game. That may be true, if calling Ara Mina a *pokpok* or poking fun at new mom Ina Raymundo's low bustline are her ideas of better. My photographer and I may be no match to GMA 7's tart tongues, but here in the INQUIRER we bravely bare our names and stand by our opinions. Other fashion critics hide behind absurd names.

I do have one quibble about Osang's attempts at fashion *tigbakan*. How can someone from show biz like her, through her army of anonymous cameramen, writers-producers and third-rate actors, pass judgment on her helpless and hapless colleagues but spare herself?

Others would call that conflict of interest. I call it lack of *delicadeza*.

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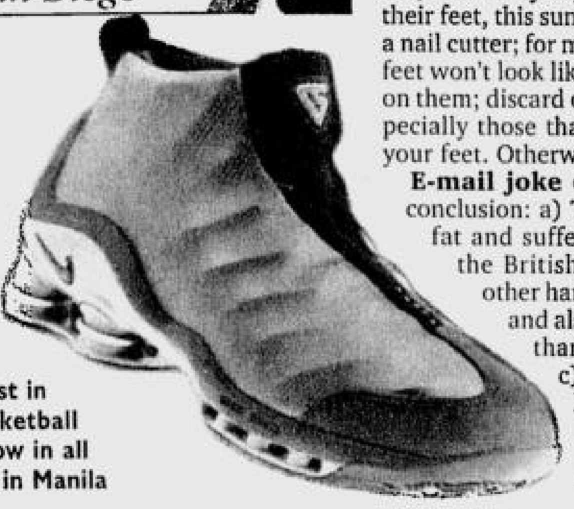
# Michael Jordan's heir apparent has his own shoes, too

## T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS

*Anton San Diego*

**MUST-HAVE—Nike Shox VC.** After **Michael Jordan**'s latest air trainers (which I heard were sold out in a week) comes the latest "lust-have" from Nike. The trainers, like all Nike's, look great for everyday wear and better when used for its real purpose—basketball. They were designed for Toronto Raptors' **Vince Carter**, who will supposedly inherit the title His Airness because of his high-flying skills.

The shoes represent perfect synergy between human potential and innovative technology. They serve as springs and shock absorbers for the feet. The shoes also have speed socks that wrap around the feet for support and stability. Among the most eagerly awaited Nike, the shoes have won awards for innovative technology. The Nike Shox VC comes in black and red, and retails for P8,095. It is available in all Nike outlets.



MUST-HAVE trainers—Nike Shox VC. The most in demand basketball shoes are now in all Nike stores in Manila

**Must-have CD—"The Lounge Story."** When I first came upon this CD I was quite hesitant to get it since it was so much cheaper than the Ibiza—after-hours or Buddha Bar compilations—but I was quite impressed with the graphics on the cover and the title. On a whim I decided to buy it. I have since enjoyed it immensely. Compiled by **Anton Ramos**, "The Lounge Story" is music for when you want to chill. The selection is relaxing, well chosen and totally hip! "The Lounge Story" is available at all record outlets and retails at P400.

**10+1 tell-tale signs that you're getting old.** Recently, I noticed I was getting more aches and pains, and things that used to be important to me no longer seemed so now. So I drew up a list of 11 things (based on experience and what other friends say) that made me realize I was not a spring chicken anymore.

- When you think **Chicane** is the updated version of the band Chicago or Chaka Khan's daughter (this is not my thought but that of a couple of friends);
- When you now tune in to 96.3 W-Rock or 94.7 Mellow Touch instead of 99.5 RT;
- When your idea of fun is talking about life rather than staying out till 6 a.m.;
- When no matter how hard you try to sleep late on weekends you are still up the same time you wake up on weekdays;
- When you realize you've already met someone you find attractive when you were in your 20s and s/he was just a baby;
- When you are very concerned with the nation's affairs and like to watch the news and investigative reports;
- When you cat nap while watching a movie no matter how interesting it is because the theater is dark and cold;
- When you have to undergo an annual checkup and increase your insurance coverage;
- When hair seems to sprout all over your body, like ears, back, nose, etc.;
- When you can't remember what you did five minutes ago.
- When you come home to your spouse and realize that sex is not as important anymore as a good meal, hot bath and a cozy bed.

**Oscar roundup.** I saw recently "A Beautiful Mind" and I must say it was a great film. My only comment is, when you are at a dinner and people start talking about a film you haven't seen, leave the room. That was my experience with this movie.

My friends were raving and ranting about the film, and talking about certain scenes from the film I expected to be blown away when I saw it. I thought the **Russell Crowe** character would morph into an alien or be rescued by a character from "The Lord of the Rings." Of course, nothing of the sort happened.

WHOOPI Goldberg will host the 74th Academy Awards, which will be held in a new venue, the Kodak Theater.

The latest issue of Time magazine said this year's Oscars had become too political as studios and movie stars jockeyed for top honors. The Academy award winners are chosen by their peers (think: actors vote for actors, directors vote for directors and so on) and politicking and trying to win votes are not new. So sometimes people win not because they are the best but maybe they are well-liked (think: **Tom Hanks**?), have a stable of PR practitioners promoting them and studio with millions to spend on publicity, promotions etc.

After reading the Time piece, my view of the Oscars slightly changed. Honestly, I really do not want Russell Crowe to win, even if the movie was great. I think he is so arrogant. In the British Awards he shouted at the show's director for editing his acceptance speech and in a "Tonight Show" episode (with **Jay Leno**) he was quite rude to a guest.

My fearless forecast is the award will go to **Denzel Washington** (his acting in "Training Day" was equally great!). Incidentally, the Time article alleged that **John Nash** (Crowe's character in the movie) had homosexual liaisons, an illegitimate child and, for a time, was separated from his wife. Although "A Beautiful Mind" was a great movie, it was not based on reality.

Which brings me to my point. Everyone has his/her own thoughts on everything so it will just be nice to know who will win. I am more excited about what people will wear because if **Björk** is a guest again this year, there will be something to laugh at.

The 74th Academy Awards will be shown in Manila, 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Channel 9. It will be held at the new Kodak Theater and **Whoopi Goldberg** will host.

**Summer's here.** If you feel the heat, then you know that summer is here. This means only one thing for me—sandals or bare feet! I may or may not have a foot fetish, but I appreciate nice-looking. Ugly feet are like ugly people. You don't want to stare, but you do.

Whenever I am in the mall or any public place and I see flesh, I manage to peek even if I do not want to look. If I do not like what I see, it ruins my day. To those who like to show their feet, this summer: Get a pedicure or buy a nail cutter; for men, trim excess hair so your feet won't look like a legion of spiders landed on them; discard old and tattered sandals, especially those that already have imprints of your feet. Otherwise, enjoy!

**E-mail joke of the week:** A foregone conclusion: a) The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. b) On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. c) The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. d) The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans. Conclusion: Eat and drink what you like. It's speaking English that kills you.

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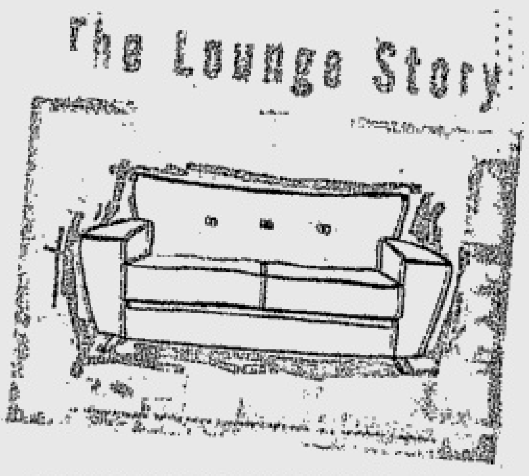

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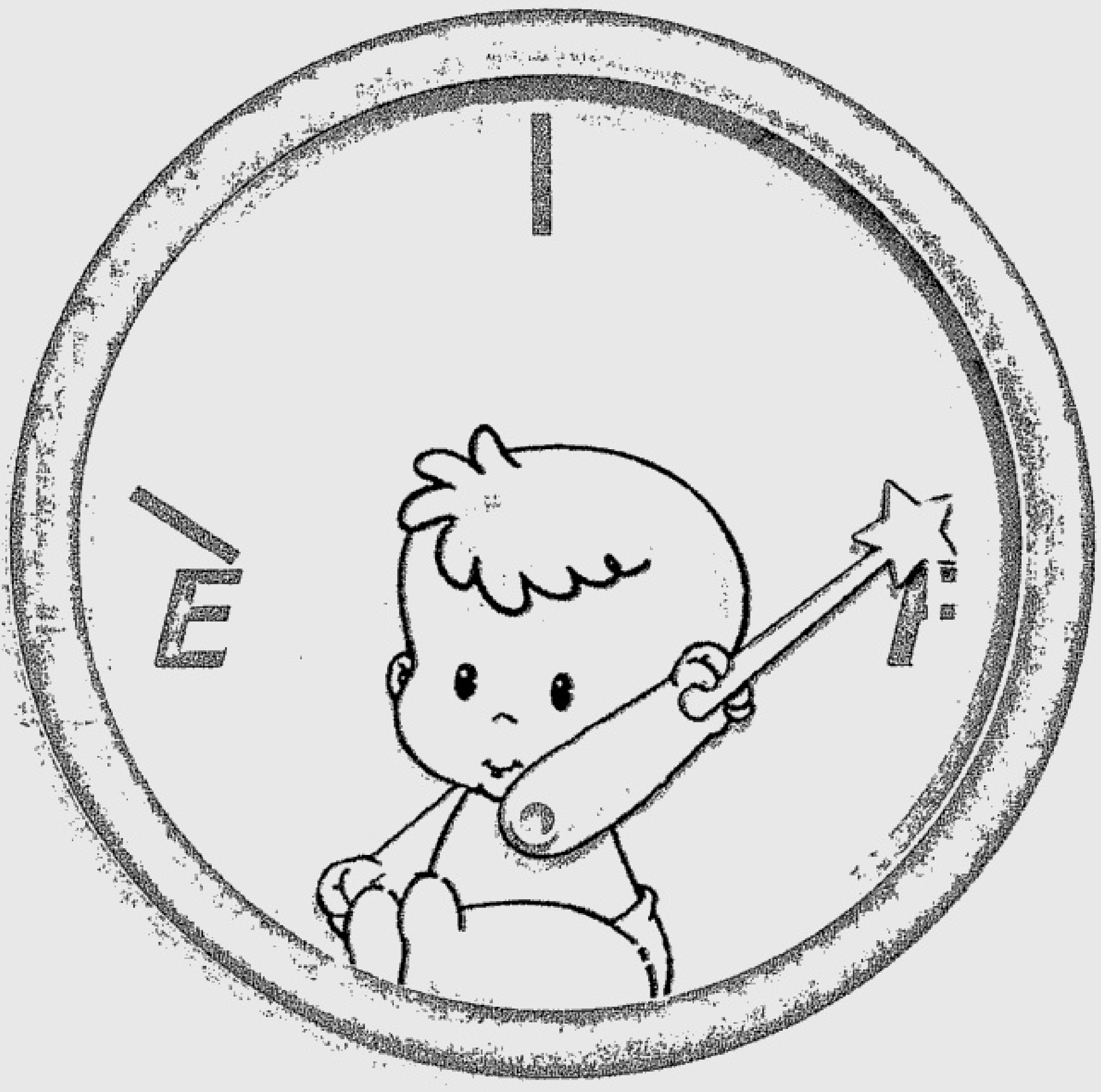

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Yes, our name might have been exalted to high heavens by your Advertising 101 professor who, in reality, has gone bonkers and is leading poor souls like you to eternal damnation.

But there are sticky ISSUES you have to ponder if you really want to work for O&M. ISSUES that will ultimately decide if you're going to end up in one of our prized corner offices or in a mental institution.

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Aha, there you go! Imagine the agony of explaining to them what you do. Think. How do you make them understand that the company you work for MAKES ADS? How will they ever get the point that your job is to meet marketing objectives (now, explaining what these are is another story) through advertising. And that you're not the talent, not the film director, and God forbid, not the clapper during the shoot!

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You'll drift apart from the people that once regarded you NORMAL.

You're thinking, "What the heck, I'll make friends in the office anyway, right?" HA. HA. HA.

Pretty hefty challenge considering that your brain is your office. (It then follows that your brain will be your only friend. Well, at least it's there to listen to your endless whining 24 hours a day.)

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Everyone's always leaving. Leaving for Hong Kong, leaving for Singapore, leaving a cramped cubicle for another cramped cubicle with a view because they got promoted (or pirated).

BESIDES, have you no idea what a strange lot of people we are?

The odd, dark hours we keep, the sub-zero air-conditioning and the steady infusion of Tang, Sprite and Chivas into our bloodstream have mutated us into creatures that are no longer human.

We've become cretins who reel out of an all-nighter asking "What do we do next?" It has become second nature for us to bleed our synapses putting thought into everything from advertising briefs to TVCs to major launch events. Yes, we're deviants who actually take Brands seriously.

To think such lunacy actually gets awards. Not the local ones, mind you, but more names your mother won't recognize (D&AD, Cannes, Clio).

And while people from other ad agencies get Porsches (okay, maybe not Porsches, just Beemers) for becoming a finalist in some dubious award show, O&M creatives who win MAJOR international awards get more job orders on their desks. Whipped up by our account executives who are hell-bent at making more money by winning more AWARDS.

Talk about sadomasochism.

But no, you say you've made up your mind. Can't be dissuaded, no way. It's O&M no matter what.

Fine. Share the sad fate of those who die drained, alone, pop culture-inebriated in the wastelands of capitalist Makati.

Go ahead. We could use some more obsessive-compulsive account executives & mentally imbalanced creatives. In a half-page, waste your time convincing us to take you into our 2002 Graduate Training Program. Burn precious calories (1, to be exact) licking that envelope addressed to Nympha Salazar at Ogilvy & Mather (Phils.) Inc., 15th flr. Philamlife Tower, 8767 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. Pay for those internet minutes e-mailing hr.manila@ogilvy.com. Bother to make it before the April 30, 2002 deadline.

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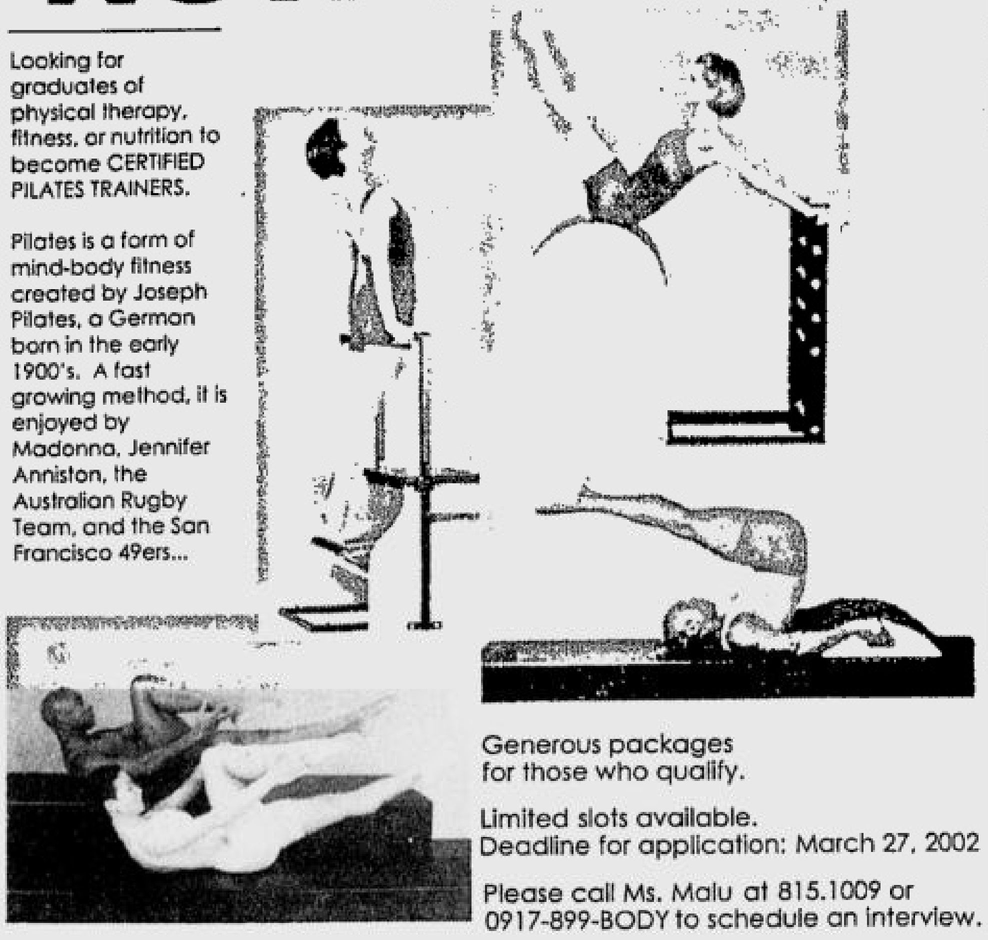

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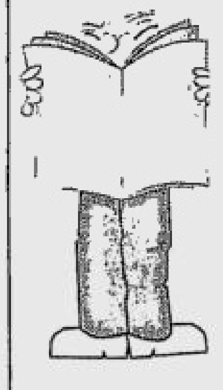

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### Jose Antonio Arando

# Power Yogi

*By Eric S. Caruncho*
*Photographs by Sonny Yabao*

**MOST yoga classes I've been to were as gentle and soothing – and about as bland – as a cup of chamomile tea.**

**In comparison, Jose Antonio Arando's yoga class at the Jagad Yoga Shala is a double shot of espresso, dark roast. In a word, stimulating.**

Midway through the workout — a series of *asanas* or yoga postures — his students are sweating. Though this is a basic class, a number of the students are attempting — and achieving — some of the more strenuous advanced poses such as the headstand. The general atmosphere is one of focused intensity. This is definitely not your mother's yoga class at the slimming salon.

"People in America are calling it 'Power Yoga'," explains Arando. "That's a marketing term, but behind that there is the suggestion that it's different from the kind of yoga we are familiar with. That's not to say that it's new – far from it."

Well, yes and no.

Yoga is of course an ancient science, perhaps as old as man himself. "Yoga" comes from a Sanskrit root meaning "to yoke" or "to join," meaning to unite body and mind, the individual with the universal. In short, yoga is the science of spiritual enlightenment.

Sometime between 400 and 200 B.C., the sage Patanjali codified the practice of yoga in a detailed textbook called the "Yoga Sutras." The Sutras outline eight "limbs" of classical yoga. The first two prescribe a code of ethical conduct, the next two deal with controlling the body's energies through exercise and breathing, and the last four concern the process of gradually merging the mind with Cosmic Consciousness.

What most people think of as yoga is actually Hatha Yoga or "forceful yoga," the system of postures and breathing exercises. At its crudest level, Hatha Yoga is a pretty good workout. At

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**Yoga brought Jose Arando back from the edge of illness and changed his life. Today, as the age-old form of spiritual enlightenment enjoys a surging popularity, he celebrates this "collective consciousness" – but reminds folks jumping on the fitness bandwagon that there's really still no shortcut to nirvana**

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its highest, it is designed to transform the body into a suitable vehicle for an enlightened being, a true temple of the Holy Spirit.

Yoga's popularity outside India has tended to come in waves. In the '60s, fresh from mind-expanding doses of psychedelic drugs, hordes of young people turned to yoga as the next step toward enlightenment. These people spent most of the '70s looking for their gurus, some actually finding them. In the '80s and '90s, the age of aerobics and washboard abs, yoga became an exotic workout regimen, another route to a fit, well-toned body and stress relief.

Now, post-millennium, yoga is coming back in a big way, thanks to such high-profile yogis and yoginis as Sting, Madonna and supermodel Christy Turlington gushing in the press about yoga's amazing health and beauty benefits.

One of the most popular forms of yoga is precisely the Power Yoga that Arando is now teaching.

"In power yoga, rather than trying to get rid of stress, we're consciously putting the body into stressful positions and trying to breathe through those stressful positions as comfortably as we can," he says. "We're actually managing stress better by breathing through it and existing comfortably with it, rather than shoving it under the carpet."

Arando admits that the current wave of interest in yoga has a lot to do with the "Madonna effect," celebrity endorsement globally disseminated through MTV and the worldwide web to a body-conscious audience.

"But let's not neglect another thing," he hastens to add. "Maybe there is this ripening collective consciousness, and what is being made accessible is the communication of this truth called yoga. The adage is showing itself to be true: when the student is ready, the teacher will appear."

With his Mediterranean features and vaguely British accent, Arando is often mistaken for North Indian (not a bad thing if you're teaching yoga). He's actually from around here, although his encounter with yoga occurred while he was working in New York City.

"I took up yoga because I was quite physically ill," he recalls. While working with the UNDP, Arando was diagnosed with a chronic bowel inflammation called Crohn's Disease, a condition linked with colon cancer.

"I started doing yoga out of a sense of fear and with blind faith – I didn't know what it would do for me," he continues. "There was this sense of faking it until you make it."

Luckily, yoga instruction was readily available in New York. Yoga's holistic approach – exercise coupled with dietary and lifestyle changes – seemed to work, and Arando's health steadily improved, to the point where he found himself attracted to a more physically challenging form of yoga.

Arando started practising with some yogis who had studied with Pattabhi Jois, a well-known guru from Mysore, India who taught a system of *hatha* yoga called *ashtanga vinyasa* yoga. In this style of yoga, the postures flow into each other in a continuous routine, while the students focus on breath control and a series of internal movements called *bandhas* or "locks" that are designed to generate heat and energy.

"Incorporating breathing and the *bandhas* into the *asanas* makes the practice a lot sweatier and stronger," he explains.

"The by-product is a leaner yet stronger body. This is what they are calling 'power yoga,' although unfortunately the term disregards the '*ashtanga*' part – the fact that it's very holistic."

Power yoga, warns Arando, is not without its pitfalls.

"Everyone's doing it now because they're getting very fast and immediate results," he says. "If they aren't taught properly, they can get a sense of power in the physical body that can lead to an inflated ego. Now that they have the job, the BMW and the girl, they can also get nirvana. We live in a very fast-paced society where we're used to instant gratification. We're very much a consumer society where if you have the means, you can get anything right here and now."

Nothing wrong with instant gratification, but if you think that's all there is to yoga, you're selling yourself short, says Arando.

"You can get stuck in that high of the body and the mind," he says. "Restricting it to just the self rather than making others and the environment around us healthier. Yoga after all means union between ourselves and something else. If it's just kept to ourselves, I don't see any union happening. At best it's a workout. But it can be a hell of a lot more."

For this reason, Arando and his wife Sandy have put up the Yoga Foundation of the Philippines. One of the organization's aims is to make yoga instruction more accessible to Filipinos, through workshops and regular classes. The Arandos have initiated a project called Team Yoga to train teachers who in turn will teach yoga to underprivileged youth. Occasionally, they also invite teachers from outside the country to conduct intensive workshops. More information can be accessed through the Foundation's website *(www.yogafound.com)*.

Meanwhile, regular classes are held at the Jagad Yoga Shala, the Arando's ashram on Pasay Road in the heart of the Makati commercial district.

"A lot of hip young people come here," says Arando though, he hastens to add, they do teach gentler classes for the, um, more mature yogis and yoginis.

Talk about post-millennial yoga, the class often begins with Arando cracking open his laptop from which MP3s of droning, raga-inspired music help put students' minds "in the zone." However, the class always ends with everyone chanting from the Vedas, as yogis have done for thousands of years. Some things don't change, the world notwithstanding.

**Body as temple: Arando atop his Makati *ashram***

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**The Cover Image** Red-hot yoga teacher Jose Antonio Arando keeps a sound mind in a superb body
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## Poetry

### Mahal na Araw

himig pasyon
ang f.m. ngayon
habang nginunguya
ang pinilipit na luya,
namamahinga kasi
ang lalamunan sa paglaklak
ng tanduay
sapagkat ang Kristo ay patay.
lumansa ang lansangan
nang mag-show down si kongresman
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ang paso ni Maria
pati langit ay minura.
konting tiis na lang
darating din ang linggo
balik sa dating gawi
asal-hudas, barabas, hestas
sa senakulo sa kanto.

**Kristian S. Cordero**

### Tulog

*Para kay Mike Bigornia*

Sapul nang maputol ang pisi ng pusod,
Naro'n na ang bulong sa ating katawan:
Nagbabalik tayo sa unan ng tulog

Na tila ba sanggol sa inang umirog.
Kinandong ng lupa ang ating inunan
Sapul nang maputol ang pisi ng pusod;

Gagapang. Lalakad. Tatakbo. Susugod.
Susuot kung saan, uwi rin ay bahay;
Nagbabalik tayo sa unan ng tulog.

Tatanda, lalapad, titibay, tatayog,
Isip at ulirat ay inihihimlay;
Sapul nang maputol ang pisi ng pusod.

Higa. Bangon. Higa. Ang lagot-lagot
Na ritmo ng mata'y isang buong ritwal:
Nagbabalik tayo sa unan ng tulog,

Naghahanda wari sa pinal na antok
Hanggang dalhin tayo sa kawalang-malay.
Sapul nang maputol ang pisi ng pusod,
Nagbabalik tayo sa unan ng tulog.

**Arnel S. Vitor, C.M.**

## Poetry

### Good Friday, 2000

*sa isang cahoy dongmoclay*
*liig niya,y, tinalian,*
*nagbicti,t, nagpacamatay.*
—*Mahal na Passion*

As if this tree's flowers were crushed,
a dark sap stains the night.
Beneath a crown of red buds,
death becomes the day's withered fruit.

A gnarled branch yearns westwards
where star lights gather to a cross,
bearing your weight.

Beyond this tree, the road
rises to a place of bones.
And the night allows itself
a sorrow, navel of the burned day.

Shadows appear
and are welcome, at last.

Flesh has been allowed
to break into its sum of wounds,
spoor of blood trickling, thorns
and a crown of grass flowers,
his quivering bead of tears.

Doubt's deed hammers his hands
and the broken instep of his feet
without reprieve.
Rain pours into his heart's
chambers, absolving your need.

Hanging on this tree,
you betray the lure of silver,
begging of the night its bough
of kindness—to declare the sum
of your terrible weight.

**D.M. Reyes**

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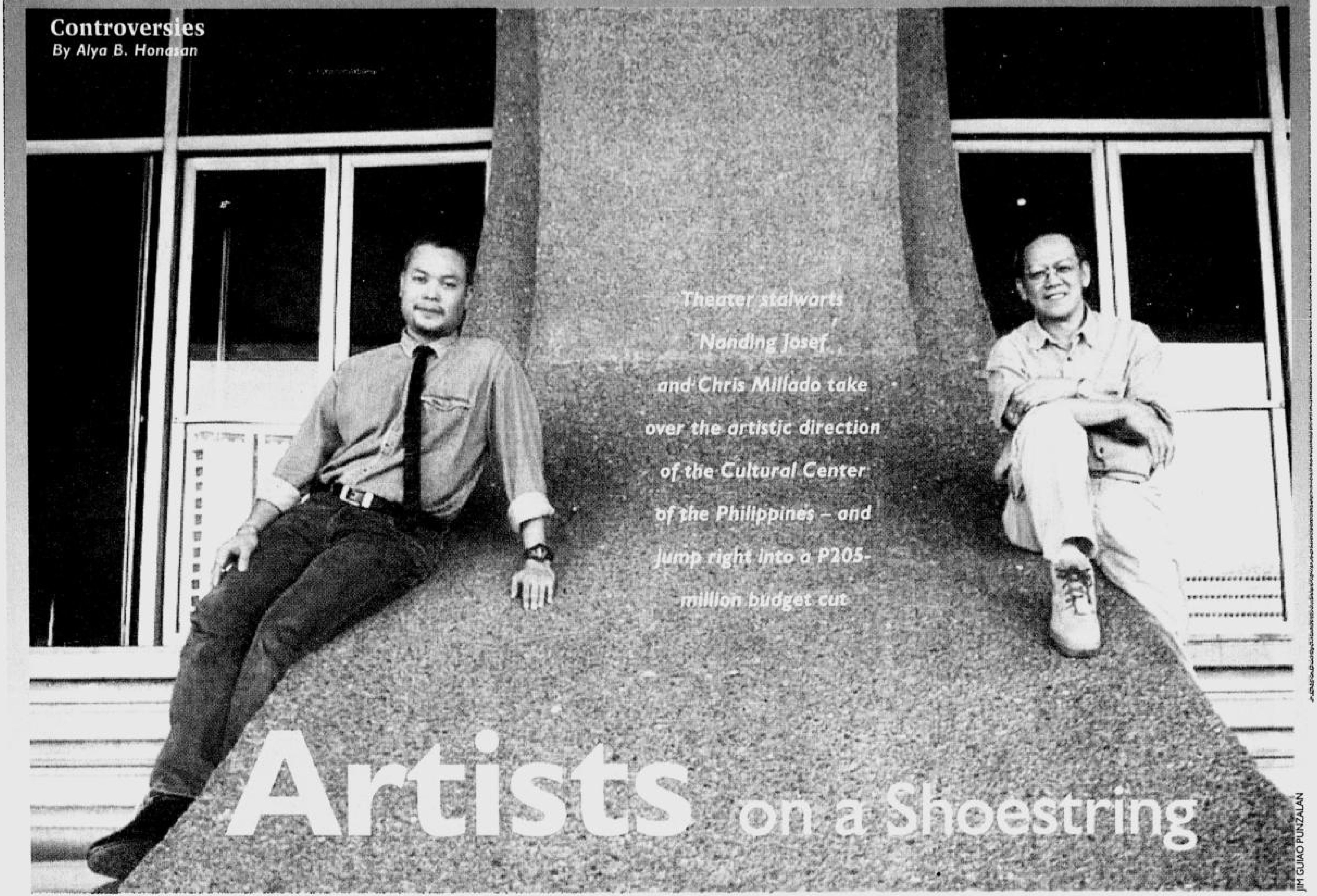
*By Alya B. Honasan*



# Artists on a Shoestring

Theater stalwarts Nanding Josef and Chris Millado take over the artistic direction of the Cultural Center of the Philippines – and jump right into a P205-million budget cut

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

Millado (left) and Josef are accustomed to making do

**IN THE words of Fernando "Nanding" Josef, new artistic director and vice president of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, "We're used to the aesthetics of poverty." But this might be taking things a bit too far.**

*Josef, a veteran tri-media actor, playwright, arts administrator, educator and most recently executive director of the Philippine High School for the Arts (PHSA) in Makiling, took over in January of this year. His new associate artistic director, Chris Millado, brings similarly stellar credentials, including dozens of plays written and directed, and involvement in the organization of four acclaimed Fil-Am theater companies in the United States.*

*Both started the year with plans to give additional benefits to resident company artists, and to expand the CCP's Arts for the People program. This would have meant taking workshops and performances to the regions and to people who, as Millado says, "would otherwise never get a chance to walk into the CCP."*

*Last January 23, Josef, Millado, CCP president Nestor Jardin and others paid a visit to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to meet with Secretary Emilia Boncodin. The agenda was to collect the equivalent of P140 million in unreleased appropriations due the CCP since 1998, and P160 million in government subsidy for 2002, as mandated by the General Appropriations Act. The institution had spent P280 million in 2001, and projected expenses for the new year would amount to some P361.5 million.*

*In a turn of events that still baffles Josef and company today, it was revealed that the unreleased P140-million IOU would never come; the government simply didn't have any money, so it had to be written off. Further, Boncodin reported that according to DBM records, the Bicameral Committee on Finance had slashed this year's CCP subsidy from P160 million to P95 million, with P5 million going to the national dance company, the Bayanihan.*

*All in all, that amounted to a loss of some P205 million, and what would lead to a cash flow deficit of some P42.5 million.* **SIM** *sat down with the dazed but unrattled duo for an update.*

**SIM: Are you guys still in shock?**

**Nanding Josef:** Well, this was completely unexpected *Tulala kami* when we learned about it. We have to beg for P42.5 million!

**Chris Millado:** Well, I didn't use to handle that amount of money; as associate artistic director of Tanghalang Pilipino, all we really worked with was *barya*. So it didn't dawn upon me yet, what all this slashing meant. I guess I'll see it soon in our programs.

**SIM: Do you know where the money went?**

**NJ:** No, but it most likely went into countryside development funds. We won't know unless we got to these politicians and ask them, "What did you do with our money?"

**SIM: Let's break the money down. What exactly is this budget supposed to be for?**

**NJ:** We're talking about the salaries of 300 people at the CCP, National Arts Center, Folk Arts Theater, and the production design unit. That's the maintenance of five buildings and the complex grounds. For electricity alone, we spend P2.5 million a month. It's a huge expense to maintain this set-up.

**CM:** Then you have the resident companies – the salaries of full-time employees and company members of Ballet Philippines, Tanghalang Pilipino, the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, the Ramon Obusan group.

**SIM: So what are the implications? What is *not* going to happen?**

**NJ:** The immediate crunch will be felt in our resident companies and the Arts for the People program. We wanted to expand our reach and accessibility and open up segments and communities, but the public service part of the CCP mandate will have to be shunted to the background. We will have fewer outreach services, as we cannot bring shows and grants to deserving groups for now. The regions will be most affected. We had 24 arts councils established during the time of Nic Tiongson, and we lost many because they could not sustain their projects. Now, we have only about six or seven active ones, with others waiting to be given a shot in the arm.

**SIM: Why are the regional programs so important to you?**

**NJ:** That's because we recognize that arts and culture are potent tools in the development of the human being. If we only focus activities in Manila, we're addressing the concerns of a very small sector. The other reason is, Metro Manila has a very bastardized culture. If we don't go out and help in making the people in the provinces realize the value of their own culture, *mawawala*. Or they will all come here, an artistic brain drain towards the city. What happens? People forget all about their rituals and indigenous art forms and drown and assimilate everything that's Manila.

**SIM: What does the budget slash spell for the average artist?**

**CM:** In terms of the performing arts, Tanghalang Pilipino, for example, has 10 plays a season, but that will have to go down to, say, eight small plays or four big ones. The actors' company has been surviving on an allowance of P6,000 a month. These are full-time theater actors who work from Tuesday to Saturday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. The members of Ballet Philippines work like athletes, also from 1 to 10 p.m. So what happens is that we will lose some of our artists, who would rather work abroad. We've already lost some members of the PPO. We will have productions that will have to survive on a P500,000 budget, so you can imagine the implications in terms of quality and set design. We cannot commission new works. We'd like to increase our audience, but what will we use for marketing cost?

Another implication is that the attitude has changed. We cannot be just service oriented, but we have to be income generating as well. There is that additional dimension of looking for strategies to make things sustainable.

**NJ:** We've actually declared a moratorium on venue grants until June, because it's a priority to make our venues income generating.

**SIM: That's not stooping too low, is it?**

**NJ:** *(Laughs)* You should see our booking meetings, when we see who our potential lessees are. We try to maintain a certain standard, but now we're asking, how much are they willing to pay? We're looking at graduations. We used to worry that El Shaddai always left the area littered, but now we're worried that they will be transferring venue! That's P 1.5 million a month!

**CM:** *(Laughs)* Karaoke recitals would be the worst! We used to say, *"Ano ba yan, hahaha."* Now, it's *"Ano ba yan – pero magkano?"*

**SIM: Karaoke recitals? At the CCP?**

**NJ:** During one board meeting, *Tita* Irma Potenciano was talking about a rummage sale of old clothes. Bazaars, bingos – and this was serious, *ha*. We're even thinking of auctioning an old Lincoln Continental. Of course, *hindi namin babastusin ang* venues. But we do need strategies.

**SIM: So what have you been doing?**

**NJ:** We have been talking to potential major sponsors, like the Toyota Foundation, Japan Foundation, NCCA, Asian Cultural Council. We've been talking to some businessmen as well. *At nagbawas talaga ng* projects.

**CM:** We realized also that performing arts has the most income-generating potential. We used to spend on our events, now we think about income potential, strategies for ticket sales. Our biggest initial breakthrough was the February arts month – we were able to fill theaters up to more than three-fourths their capacity, which is very good for corporate sponsors. We've actually been forced to look at our other resources and assets – instead of cash we can provide expertise, platforms, basic sounds and lights. And, many of our projects can be attractive to international funding agencies.

**SIM: You sound really gung-ho.**

**CM:** *(Laughs)* Naïve, maybe. But the good thing is, this is the situation I'm coming into. We are used to begging, stealing and borrowing.

**SIM: International agencies are welcome, but isn't that ironic, considering that this *is* the Cultural Center of the Philippines?**

**NJ:** The fact is, we have not really created an impact as a sector. They've always looked at us as entertainers, not partners in the overall development of our people. Talk to Congressmen and Senators, and try to find out what their platforms are for arts and culture. Only now do there seem to be "cultural politicians" emerging, who realize that culture is part and parcel of the overall development of our people. Between now and the next elections, our plan is to lobby, create some impact by showing legislators that there is an artists' sector, despite our differences. And what we have in common is that we've been ignored.

**CM:** Artists and cultural workers are the unacknowledged legislators. For the longest time, we have articulated a vision for culture and art in this country, but we have never been acknowledged.

**SIM: What if they tell you, "We need the money for basics like food and shelter first"?**

**NJ:** You need a soul. You talk about money, shelter, food, but never about your values as a human being.

**SIM: And what about the Filipino artist? Isn't he/she just sick and tired of making do?**

**NJ:** There is a period when artists say, I've had enough of service to fellowmen and country, but they don't stop creating. The pay may be small, but give an actor a good role, and *hala sige*.

**CM:** Anywhere in the world, artists know that there will be economic challenges. But at some point, when you translate that into a career, you wonder, where do you bring an artist? When you're a cultural center responsible for creating an atmosphere where you can build careers for your artists, that's when the reality sets in, and you realize that legislation and government have to be responsible for taking care of its artists. We can't just watch as they go abroad – and find the recognition they deserve elsewhere.

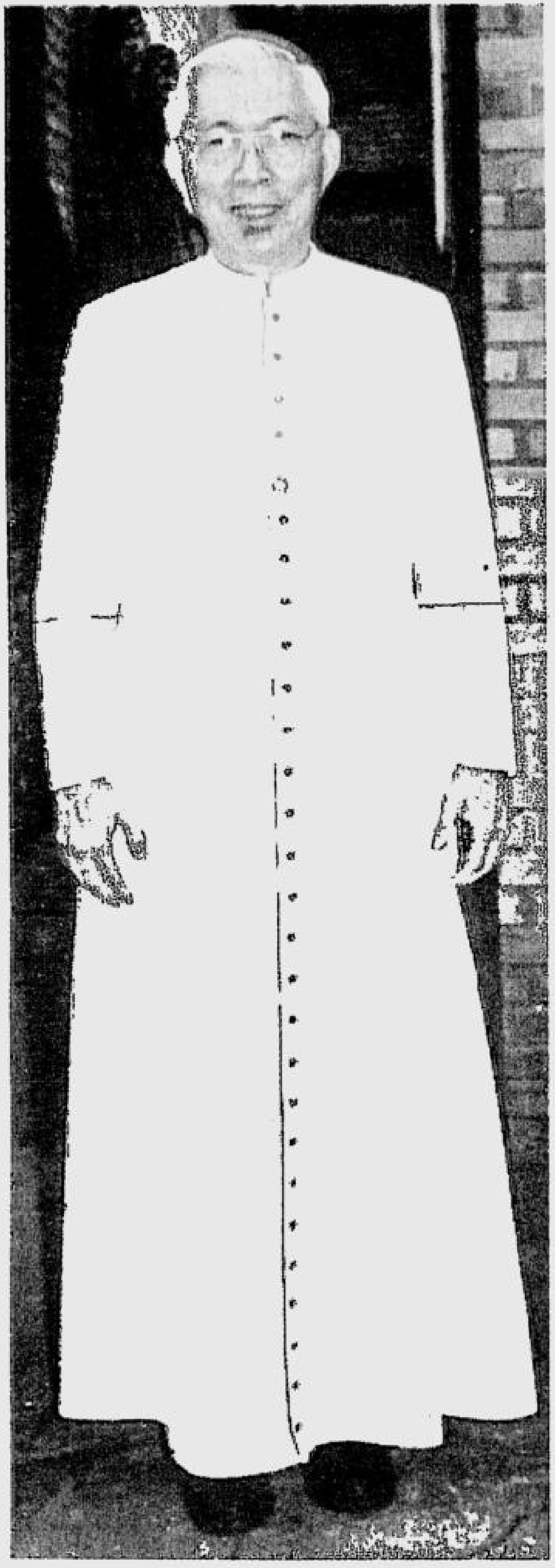
People of the Faith

By Rodolfo [illegible]

# Faith and Fastfood

*Lipa Archbishop Gaudencio B. Rosales has taken faith beyond the walls of the Church, earning both accolades and attacks for his stand on the environment, commercial land use and gambling*

**WHEN Gaudencio B. Rosales was about to enter the seminary, his physician father assured his son that anytime he wanted to come home, he could, although he would have to take up medicine. "But if you really want to become a priest, you must be a good priest," the older Rosales added.**



He did; even better, the young altar boy who idolized priests rose to become Archbishop of Lipa. Along the way, the Most Reverend Gaudencio B. Rosales, D.D. distinguished himself as prefect and rector of the archdiocese's minor seminary, Rector of the San Carlos Seminary and as Apostolic Visitator of Seminaries in the Philippines and in neighboring Southeast Asian countries. He was also twice selected by the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines to the Synod of Bishops in Rome.

But the accolades came with controversies. Archbishop Rosales has once been described by a columnist as the "enemy of Filipino Church heritage." Rosales, the columnist contended, gave McDonald's the go-signal to construct an outlet inside a church property in Balayan, Batangas. The columnist added that Rosales had also approved the remodeling of a church in San Juan town, and was just "waiting to give his approval for another Mcdonald's in Batangas City." Right inside a church property, of course.

The attacks have not fazed Rosales although he admits that they hurt. "*Masama ang loob ko* (I feel bad about it)."

Defending himself, Rosales says that "the Balayan property was not being used and it was 60 meters away from the church building." The parish, he adds, also insisted that the new building blend with the architecture of the existing church. "Anybody can see that it does not block the view of the church from the market place," says the Archbishop.

The San Juan Church, Rosales reports, has a roof that has been rotting away. "A majority of the parishioners approved of the renovation while only a handful was against it. Tell me, would you leave the roof of your church rotting, just to appease a few who want to preserve what nature has already destroyed?"

He'd rather put the issues to rest, the Archbishop says, as he has other concerns of greater import. "Ours is an archdiocese of the vibrant faithful, and not of stones. Our goal is to liberate man from anything that oppresses him. Christ did not come to just save us from sin. He did that, of course, but he also saved every human person from every expression of sin and evil."

From April 16 to 18, the Archbishop's flock will once again demonstrate the idea of a living church, when they gather for the fourth Lipa Archdiocesan General Pastoral Assembly or LAGPAS IV.

The acronym says it all, the Archbishop points out. "This is about getting ahead and beyond, for we feel that we should not be a static church but one that moves forward and beyond our complacent selves." When he came in in 1994, one of the first things Archbishop Rosales did was to focus LAGPAS III on Pondong Batangan, "one of our responses to the call to liberate the person from anything that oppresses him or her." In effect, he says, "where there is ignorance, there should be education; where there is sickness, we should give him health practices; where there is poverty, livelihood must come in."

Pondong Batangan addresses the misery that comes from poverty which, in turn, comes from as many varied reasons, including usury and gambling. "Based on studies," says Rosales, "Batangueños spend as much as P3 million a day on the numbers game, which is about P1 billion and P80 million in one year. Pondong Batangan is about asking each one of us to share his crumbs. We are not asking the faithful to give us more than one peso a day. Many are afraid that God asks of us great sacrifice. But that is not the case."

Pondong Batangan has already started operating in Batangas City and Tanauan. From the crumbs contributed by the lay, Pondong Batangan has been able to help small fisher folk and market vendors who used to run to usurers to fund their day's

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# Service as a Way of Life

**THERE is a serenity about 70-year-old Remy Ignacio. Perhaps it comes from raising a large family, seven boys and one girl well, and of serving the Lord all these years. Recently widowed, she is obviously still in mourning, but looking at her one understands the meaning of the passage "The peace that passes all understanding."**

Her late husband Jesus Ignacio had been bedridden at home and in a state of stupor for the last four years, and Remy took care of him until he passed away late last year.

In the late '70s, Remy and her husband initiated the Family Rosary Crusade through the Ateneo de Manila chapel community. From an initial group of 15 families in 1978 the congregation grew by leaps and bounds, such that in a matter of three years what is now known as the Santa Maria Della Strada parish was born. "That 6,000 square meter property was donated. We were really shown the way to build a church," Ignacio says. After 20 years, the parish has grown so big and Remy, together with a core group, now finds herself busy tending to the needs of a new sub-parish, also within the Loyola Heights suburb in Quezon City. When her husband was still up and about, the couple devoted themselves to serving the needs of the priests and parishioners. When her husband fell ill, Remy continued in a different capacity.

Now involved with their parish Family Life Program, Ignacio hopes to strengthen the fiber of the poor families that the parish serves through programs and seminars given at the Cenacle retreat house.

The idea for such a workshop came from one of Remy's sons, Msgr. Clem Ignacio of Manila who saw the need during a visit to Davao. "My son said that the underprivileged families were clamoring for ways to strengthen their families. They want to be able to look forward to a good education for their children," Ignacio explains. Together with co-parishioners Jojo and Ditsy Sumpaico, they created programs addressing these needs and one day hope to raise scholarships for the underprivileged children in their community. They are also batting for skills building courses coupled with spiritual guidance under mentors from various religious communities. "During the workshops we provide full meals for all members of the family. You know how every day counts for them," she says with a smile. Ignacio hopes that the program will be replicated in various parishes throughout the country. "We are more than willing to teach other communities how to run these workshops. The more families we can reach, the better."

Ignacio certainly knows the struggles of raising a large family all too well. If the fruits are any indication, then she and husband Jesus have certainly done exceptionally well. Her eight children, now all professionals and successful in their own right, owe their success first to a mother and father who raised and taught them well. When asked how she managed her time and resources in raising such a large brood she simply says, "The Lord has provided."

Perhaps because of these, Remy and her late husband found great joy in returning their blessings. The Ignacios have been known to provide for the needs of the priests who would often come knocking on their door even during the earliest years of their marriage. "Somehow, if you make yourself available to people they will come. And if you can help, why not?" It's a great tribute that all the Ignacio sons and only daughter have turned out well and aside from minor boyish pranks ("All part of growing up," Ignacio says), they did not give their parents any major headaches. "Maybe it's because all their lives they were surrounded by priests," Remy says with a laugh. A family anecdote is how all weddings within the Ignacio family have been concelebrated by at least six priests. "*Pinakakonti na nga yon*," one son quips. One son reportedly had 15 at his wedding. In characteristic fashion, Remy gives back the success of raising her family well back to the Lord. "I guess when you serve Him well, without reserve, without expecting anything in return, He will take care of you."

*She raised eight children of her own but helped countless priests through school. Now, as a widow coping with her grief, Remy Ignacio has found solace in reaching out even more*

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## Pinoys Abroad

*By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz*

# Wearing Her Faith

JOAN BONDOC

**SHE wears her faith on her fingers, around her neck and on her arms.**

**For New York-based jewelry designer Mary Ann Ubaldo, what may seem like body ornament or fancy accessories may in fact be deeply spiritual. "Jewelry is usually handed down through generations, so it is wrapped in the mystique of ages," she notes.**

More so if their designs are inspired by the pre-Hispanic Filipino alphabet, the *alibata* or *baybayin* which, Ubaldo claims, has a strong psychic force born of centuries-old belief systems. "Even before the Spaniards colonized us with their Christian faith, our ancestors already believed in parallel gods and goddesses, most of them found in nature."

Using the *baybayin* in modern jewelry design is "a way of reconnecting to our past and finding our spiritual core," adds this 49-year-old community activist. Her forays into the Internet and public libraries in New York to research on the *alibata*, Ubaldo says, led her to her *mutya*, her muse, "an inner guiding spirit" that she identifies as "our ancestors." Their voices, she says, nudged her to make a pilgrimage to Mt. Banahaw where she found common folk fusing Christianity with native beliefs. "It's not so unusual to find that in Mt. Banahaw, there are cults that worship Jose Rizal. For them, Rizal is like Jesus Christ in that he also died for us."

So fascinated was she with Filipino spirituality that Ubaldo last year launched a series of jewelry designs based on it in Quiapo, "the center of Filipino spirituality." The launch was at Bahay Nakpil-Bautista, now a museum but also a former *plateria* and the ancestral house of Gregoria de Jesus Nakpil, the widow of Katipunan founder Andres Bonifacio. The designs revolve around the themes, "*Maka-Diyos, Maka-tao, Maka-bayan.*"

She also did a Philippine Centennial Series to mark 100 years of the country's independence and what it means to the ordinary Filipino. "Are we really free in our mind, heart and soul? Are we working towards a de-colonization process?" asks Ubaldo.

It is such nationalist flavor that this musician and photographer seeks to bring out in her jewelry designs. "I see the power of art as a tool to raise consciousness about our indigenous roots," she says. Filipino-Americans, who make up the bulk of her clients, likewise see the *alibata* designs as a way of tracing their Filipino heritage and feeling good about it, adds Ubaldo.

> ***New York-based Mary Ann Ubaldo was looking for a distinctive theme for her jewelry designs. The search took her back in time to when pre-Hispanic Filipinos worshipped their own gods and wrote in their own script known as alibata***

Language, like the precolonial *alibata* script, is a basic foundation of our culture and a source of pride, she notes. "It's an indication that we were literate and had our own way of writing even before the Spaniards came." Today, she notes sadly, only the Tagbanua tribes in Mindoro and Palawan as well as the Hanunoo and the Mangyans have managed to hold on to the *alibata*.

Ubaldo, who crafts her designs in gold, platinum and sterling silver, has aptly called her business Urduja Jewelry, "after a powerful indigenous feminist whom I felt was the ideal embodiment of how we were before the colonizers came." Urduja, she notes, was "a strong, fearless woman who reminds us that once upon a time in our history, Filipino women were acknowledged for their strength. She is my inspiration."

That might well be. After appeasing her parents by taking up Hotel and Restaurant Administration at UP and in Salzburg, Austria ("any course related to business, they said"), Ubaldo tried her hand at actually running a restaurant (Penguin in the early '80s). Filial duty done, she finally asserted her love for the arts by moving to New York City in 1985, "where I could be anything I wanted to be." To nurture her artistic side, she bought a camera and "recorded the beauty all around, even in the graffiti."

Ubaldo also found time to learn gold smithing from a former Maryknoll classmate she bumped into in Texas and forthwith spends her time designing and making jewelry after her day job at a digital design firm.

Latching on to the *alibata* theme started as a way of making her designs stand out in sophisticated New York, says Ubaldo. It ended up as a *lakbayan* or a pilgrimage for her and her Fil-Am clients "towards what it really means to be Filipino without being defined by colonizers."

So far, she notes, most Fil-Ams define themselves and their loved ones as Mahal, Giliw, Irog, Babaylan, Kalikasan or Asawa, the most popular jewelry designs. Others simply ask that their names be spelled out in *alibata*. "However they want their customized jewelry, it's always a collaboration of art and the clients' personal stories of how they relate to Filipino culture."

Ubaldo, who visited the country last month to observe how the goldsmiths of Paracale do their designs by hand, is also active in civic groups in New York. As a community activist, she donates designs and jewelry for auction to raise funds for the Asian American Foundation of the Arts in San Francisco as well as the Acacia Fund-Asian Pacific Island Coalition on HIV-AIDS (APICHA) in New York. The Fund was named after a Filipino who died of AIDS in 1995 and who wanted an acacia tree planted on his gravesite.

In two to three years' time, Ubaldo hopes to open a shop in the Philippines, but in the meantime, she's content to let her art take her back home—deep in the heart of the Filipino soul.

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## Pinoy Connection

*By Natalia F. Diaz*

# Her Majesty's Man in Manila

***British envoy Alan Collins leaves the country with only admiration for the Filipino people***

BETOY JOHNSON

**THROUGH a wide window in his office, Ambassador Alan Collins glances out at a bustling Makati City on a typical Thursday afternoon. It is a city the British Ambassador has called home for the past four years. It is also a city and a country he will be saying goodbye to shortly. "I think what I'll miss most about the Philippines is the people," he says sincerely.**

Ambassador Alan Stanley Collins has led an extraordinary life in public service since graduating from the London School of Economics in 1970. He worked for the British Commonwealth's Ministry of Defence for over a decade, before moving to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1981. Before coming to Manila for the first time in 1990, he worked in Ethiopia for four years, serving as the Deputy Head of Mission for the British Embassy in the capital of Addis Ababa. It was truly an eye-opening experience for him, wrought with "life lessons" as he bore witness to the problems of poverty, drought, natural disaster and civil war that plagued the country's people. He was involved with several developmental aid and relief projects that helped distribute food to starving people. "Working there taught me a lot about life, because if you live with people who have absolutely nothing—and I mean absolutely nothing—life takes on a whole new perspective. It made me think that we ought not to worry about minor things like getting a new car in the color we want, because there are people in the world who have absolutely nothing."

Collins' outstanding work in the diplomatic service merited him the title of Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, an honor conferred by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on officials who have performed outstanding work for the British Commonwealth. "I'm very proud to receive this honor. Only a small minority get an honor from the Queen, so it's very exciting... I regard it not just a medal for me but a medal for all the people I've worked with," he says. "That also means I have a nice little medal I can wear when I'm wearing black tie in a formal occasion!" It is Collins' droll, down-to-earth manner that endears him to his staff and close friends. He admits to being hooked on Agatha Christie mysteries, and confesses to being "stuck in a time warp" because of his fondness for the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd.

Collins went straight to Manila at the end of his Ethiopia stint, to serve as the Deputy Head of Mission for the British Embassy. Upon arriving in Manila for the first time, he observed at once that he had landed in a distinctly more modern city than Addis Ababa. "Straight away I saw that the Philippines was a much more developed country compared to Ethiopia. But I also realized there were a lot of things that needed to be done," he says, citing the problems of poverty and infrastructure that afflict many Filipinos.

In 1998, he was named British Ambassador to the Philippines. During his tenure, he cultivated a healthy relationship between the Philippines and the U.K. "It would be hard to see a state of relations better than the UK and the Philippines," he believes. "We really see eye to eye with everything, we really support each other." Indeed, the strong ties are manifested in the cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship that exists between the two countries with regards to trade, investment and politics. He is particularly proud of the British Embassy, which he describes as "a tight ship," manned by a dedicated British and Filipino staff.

Far from being an armchair emissary, the ambassador was actively involved in various civic projects with a special focus on children, a matter close to his heart. Through partner NGOs and the Save the Children Fund, a UK-based organization that takes care of abandoned and abused children, he helped set up a mobile street clinic in Malate, open to all street children in need of medical services. He was likewise involved with training the Philippine National Police in dealing with child abuse cases.

During his four years as ambassador, he traveled to many parts of the country, perhaps to even more places than a typical Filipino. He reveals that the one place he truly enjoyed was Banaue, where he marveled at the famed Rice Terraces. "I loved going there and seeing the rice terraces. I think it's very undervalued because anyone who sees it would recommend it very highly."

Upon leaving Manila, the ambassador plans to spend time back in his London home with his family while awaiting his new diplomatic post in another country, most likely in Africa or the Asia Pacific region, his two career specialties. Imparting a farewell message to the Filipino people, Collins says, "I think Filipinos should be proud of themselves. I think they should have self-confidence and realize that the Philippines can be a great place and they should be empowered to make it a great place. Don't assume you have to settle for second best. Take the opposite philosophy, that because it's the Philippines, the best is the only thing you can go for."

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First Person

By [illegible]

# Those Darn High-heeled Shoes

**FOUR hundred pesos. That was all my prom shoes cost me.**

**But that's not the reason why I can't forget that pair. It's been two years since I attended my prom, more than enough time to make me forget. In fact, I have never worn the shoes again after that. A classmate used them once as props for our class production, bringing the grand total of times they were worn to (drum roll, please) two. They are still intact, tucked away in the box they came in and kept under the sofa in the foyer of our house.**

I promised myself to never touch them again. Or should I rephrase that and say that my promise is to never let them touch me? Well, whatever.

It's not because the shoes are so *baduy* that I'm embarrassed to wear them. The shoes are classy, mind you, that one might be fooled to believe that I got them from Nine West. But before you go lecturing me on the value of money and the rarity of cheap but classy shoes, let me tell you exactly why my decision is such.

Several weeks before prom night, I read a Q and A article about prom jitters. A lady, who was the same age I was then, was asking for suggestions on what type of shoes to wear (she wanted her legs and feet to look more feminine) so the writer advised her to go for black, closed, high-heeled shoes.

Because I felt like I'd also be better off with long-looking legs and small-looking feet, I followed the columnist's advice myself. The black leather shoes I got were like court shoes except that mine had fastenings, thick and sturdy soles, and cushion insoles. And the thick heels, well, they were just four inches high, nothing I thought I can't handle ... until I had to wear them for nine hours and realized that four inches was really *four inches.*

Our prom was held at Shangri-La Edsa Plaza Hotel. But instead of getting the best out of the P4,000 or so bucks my parents and I shelled out just for that night, my feet killed me. Dammit, I actually planned to never leave my seat except for trips to the washroom. But no, my escort thought I wanted to dance, and was more than happy to lead me to the dance floor. He was so nice for the whole night that I didn't find it in myself to say no, so I stood up, braced myself for whatever lay ahead, and went with him. After just a few minutes of dancing, I already felt like my plump body (I weighed about 140 pounds then) was being supported by nothing more than my five puny toes. Even sitting down did not ease the pain. The soles and insoles, although designed to provide comfort, weren't much help either. I felt like I was walking barefoot on fire with nothing but poise to force me to look like I was still having fun.

It was a nine-hour visit to hell, all right.

My feet ended up hating me for being plucky enough to strut and groove in that infamous pair. And I, in turn, cursed the writer who wrote that column and the stupid newspaper (don't worry, it's not PDI) she works for. And then I wished to the heavens that that teenager for whom the advice was originally intended followed it so I wouldn't feel that much cheated.

And then it dawned on me. I read the article, followed a piece of advice that wasn't meant for me, bought those shoes, and got myself into trouble. I was the stupid one.

That cheap pair stripped me of the confidence I always thought I had. It symbolized (and still does) my longing to get rid of my insecurities so I can fit into the mundane concept of how a woman should look like. It just shows how a person as liberal and nonconformist as I am can end up judging herself by the standards of this world. It is solid proof of the fact that I have yet to accept myself for who I really am.

Frankly, I do not know exactly when I'm going to come to terms with myself, or if I ever will. As I keep thinking about those four-inch high heeled shoes, I just have to admit they rocked my world, and they rocked it good, making me pay so much more for them that I thought I did.

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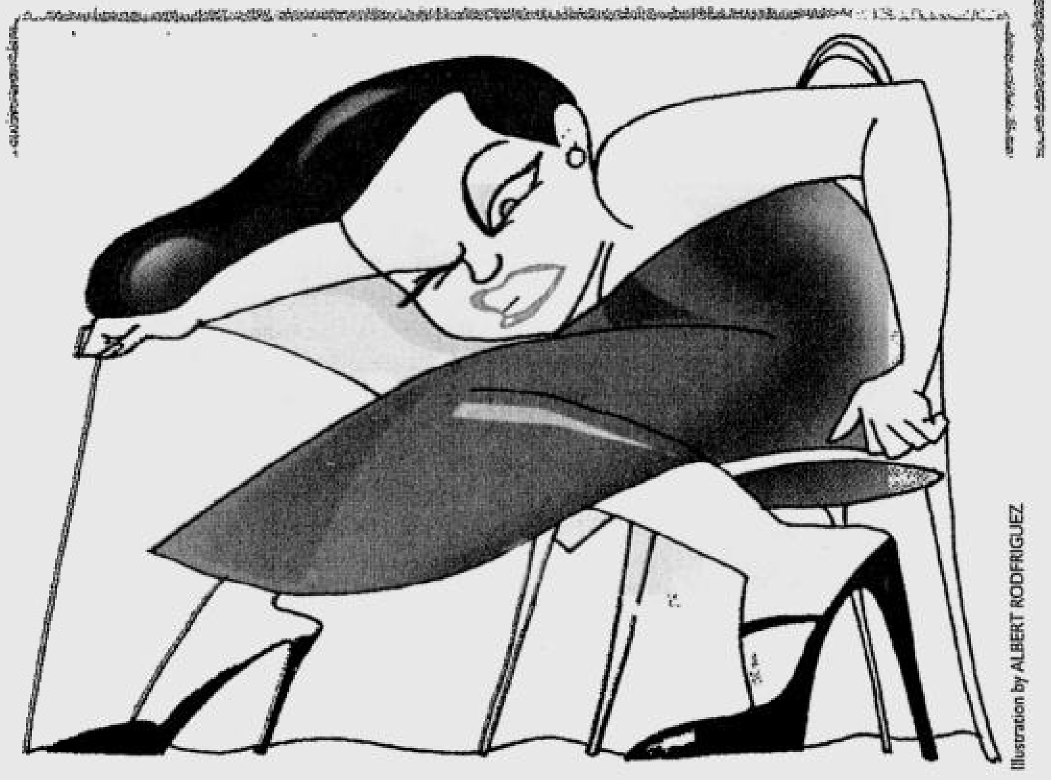
*(Editor's Note: We want to know what people are thinking these days. Tell us what's on your mind and in your heart. And no, you don't have to be under 30 or over 65 to contribute to this column. We welcome contributions from all ages)*



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By John L. Silva

# Collecting and Commitment

*Or, what's a 19th-century masterpiece doing above the buffet table or the hot water thermos?*

**COLLECTING objects, from stamps to Amorsolos, is a satisfying avocation. For avowed collectors, the attention they give to searching for and acquiring objects may oftentimes rival the attention, if any, given to lovers, spouses and family. For collectors with significant disposable income, collections can become the basis for a museum and become indicators of a society's sophistication or a nation's worthiness to be called civilized.**

Once a former colony, we are now a maturing nation with a segment of our society cognizant of objects worthy to be collected and treasured. We follow the modern world, collecting works of art and indigenous artifacts which we privately display or share with our countrymen through museum exhibitions. We develop a scholarly bent researching our collections, or a genteel disposition with collections that reflect good breeding and an Old World taste. Collecting has also been democratized with new collectors finding satisfaction in acquiring trade cards, dolls, comic books, bottles, vintage toys and many more.

We are, however, at the crossroads of serious collecting, and there is the part of the collecting cycle that we are still not adept in. I am talking about preserving and caring for what we currently collect.

In the course of my museum work and in meeting many collectors, I have found that little thought is being given to the care and preservation of collections. At first, I thought it was a matter of meeting "collectors" who used their collection as status symbols and were therefore unmindful of their responsibility to the collection. But now, I realize that the neglectful collector is pervasive in our society, and it thrives due to plain ignorance and the failure to connect their collection to the enrichment of a society.

Take for example the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas art collection. I was invited in November of last year to review the collection, acquired largely in the '70s by then Governor Jaime Laya. I went one day accompanied by a restorer/conservator from Singapore as well as a conservator from the National Museum. I had some pre-conceptions, mainly that the collection, consisting of some of the finest of 19th and early 20th century paintings by Filipino painters, would be well kept and cared for, like the Chase Manhattan Bank art collection in New York.

Many renowned banks in the world have an art portfolio which, if hung, lends prestige to the bank. If kept in a vault, they are usually treated as investments. Artworks, shrewdly chosen, can appreciate significantly and can outperform a regular stock portfolio.

I was in for a terrible shock. We were shown storerooms where paintings were laid down on floors, unwrapped, exposed to dust, mice, insects, and their droppings, and possible leaks. I couldn't fathom why the banks couldn't even build inexpensive racks to store them vertically and off the floor, and bubble wrapped.

The storerooms hadn't been vacuumed for months so they were filthy and moldy and didn't even have decent lighting.

Upon closer inspection of the paintings, we noted extensive molding, silverfish, insect eggs, and miniature holes bored by insects. Because the rooms were not continually air conditioned, the temperature and humidity in the room fluctuated causing some of the canvases to flake and buckle.

In the executive dining rooms of the bank, the very best of the painting collection were hung. Unfortunately, the dining room was also the most dangerous, and in a few cases, the most insulting place for the paintings to be shown.

The large portrait of the Quiason Family, a 19th century Simon Flores (1839-1904) masterpiece, was hung low and bumped into by dining chairs less than six inches away. Upon closer inspection with a National Museum restorer, we found soup stains and cooked rice particles on the glass frame which fortunately protects it.

A sensitive portrait of Severina Ocampo also by Simon Flores had three food warmers right below it, covers open with both steam and the lighted candle below, emitting heat and damaging the painting. The lit candle just inches away from a heritage painting is a serious fire hazard. A colorful still-life of local fruits by Paz Paterno (1867-1914), one of the very few paintings in existence by a Filipina of that period, was hung above an electric hot water thermos and a toaster oven.

Our team concluded that there were paintings in the collection that have been severely damaged out of pure neglect, could no longer be restored, and had lost their financial and heritage value.

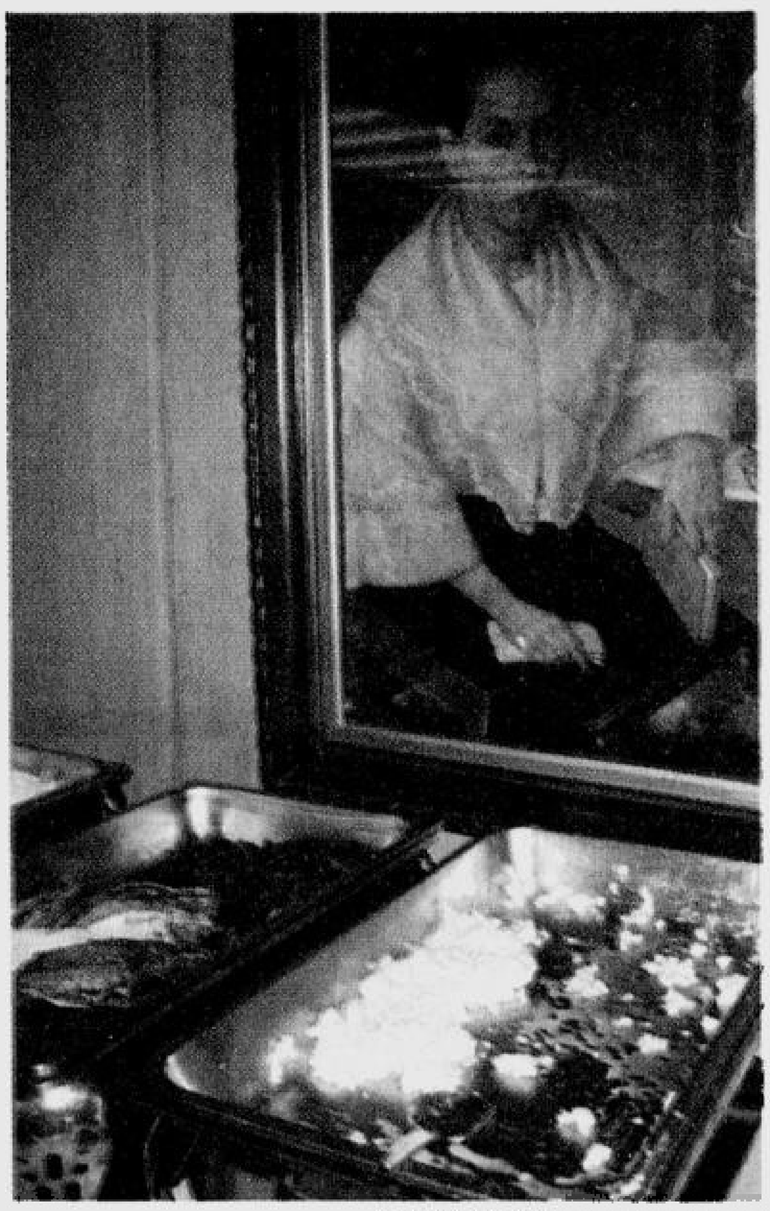
Aside from these documented instances of active or potential harm to paintings, there was a disturbing lack of decorum and aesthetics with the way paintings were displayed. A Felix R. Hidalgo (1853-1913) Silver Prize painting was displayed in an area with much food traffic including trolleys full of dirty dinner plates parked in front of the painting. A row of the finest Bohol primitive paintings were hung right beside bathroom doors with Out of Service signs scrawled on them. There were paintings with no captions and captions with no paintings. Multi-million peso paintings of important historical value were hung crooked above tables with plastic flower arrangements.

The neglect and deterioration of the Bangko Sentral art collection is a lesson in the lack of professional commitment to caring for and preserving a collection. Institutional and individual collectors are facing the somber reality that the dedication to collect objects big or small, expensive or modest, is concomitant to ensuring that the objects have a long shelf and display life. An intemperate climate with a lengthy wet season exacts greater havoc on works of art requiring more resources and regular intervention.

The exigencies of time now haunt us as a people. We have a significant body of artistic and historical material continually added to, many still being discovered and retrieved, all bearing the stamp of age and demanding of care and preservation. A few of the country's wealthy families with sizeable art collections have, in the past few years, made the expensive leap to have their works of art restored and preserved. They are wisely protecting art they initially collected out of love but now leave as financial legacies to their loved ones. Institutions like the Bangko Sentral must have, if not the love, the fiduciary responsibility in making the collection appreciate since they were purchased with taxpayers' money.

Over and above the mercantile association of art works and artifacts (the Bangko Sentral Collection now valued in the millions of dollars) is the fact that these are also the country's identity and cultural markers. If we don't care and give scant regard for a Hidalgo painting, how will our children know that it was his work that inspired Rizal and other Filipino exiles in Madrid to strengthen their resolve to be free in their country? How will our future women painters and lovers of art know they have a rich lineage if their predecessor, Paz Paterno, has her hundred-year-old still life steamed to oblivion by a thermos?

But this accounting has a happy ending. The observations my colleagues and I presented to the Bangko Sentral were taken with great seriousness. All the paintings in the executive dining rooms have been removed and they are now hanging, for public enjoyment, in the Metropolitan Museum. Word has it that some of the paintings will now be transferred to the National Museum. A serious storage facility is being discussed and will hopefully materialize at the soonest possible time. Lastly, the expensive task of restoration is being pondered and forthcoming. The Bangko Sentral's efficient response to addressing the challenges they face as collectors of our heritage should be emulated and repeated throughout the country.

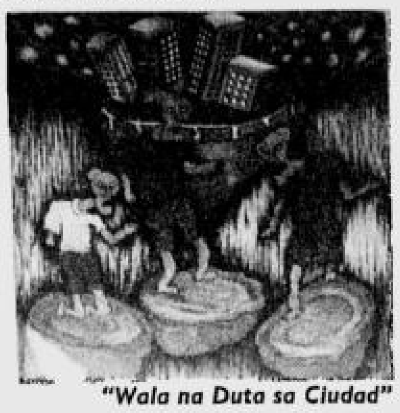


**A portrait of Severina Ocampo by Simon Flores, late 19th century. The lit food warmers with steaming food are both harmful and a fire hazard to the painting two inches away**

## This Week

### Art

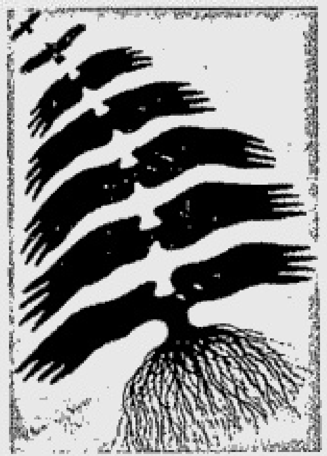
**Kadugo,** a group exhibit of recent works in oil and acrylic by Nunelucio Alvarado and his sons Burog, Bogie and Nuklar at the Big and Small Art Co. in SM Megamall until March 27.



*"Wala na Duta sa Ciudad"* by Nular Alvarado

**Summer,** a gallery collection featuring the works of Betsy Westendorp at Galleria Duemila, The Artwalk, 4/F SM Megamall A until April 11.

In celebration of the Philippine-Japan Friendship Month, GSIS Museum of Art mounts an exhibit of contemporary Japanese ceramics by **Takeshi Maruyama** until March 31 at the GSIS Building, Financial Center, Pasay City.



Contemporary Japanese posters at the Shangri-La Plaza Mall

**Discover Japan through Contemporary Posters,** a poster exhibit by contemporary Japanese graphic designers at the Grand Atrium, Level 2, Shangri-La Plaza Mall until April 9.

**Permanent Collection** features the works of National Artists Jose Abueva, Botong Francisco, Fernando Amorsolo, Vicente Manansala and H. R. Ocampo together with a dozen contemporary Filipino artists ongoing at the GSIS Museum of Art, GSIS Building, Financial Center, Pasay City.

### Music

**Concert Nights at the Old Walls,** a series of concerts featuring some of the country's best music, theater and dance artists like Joey Ayala, Repertory Philippines, Myra Beltran, Teatrong Mulat, Philippine Ballet Theater, UP Jazz Ensemble, Grace Nono, Ballet Manila with Lisa Macuja, Cynthia Alexander, PPO Woodwind Quartet, Anino Shadow Play and PUP Banda Kawayan. Performances are held at the Baluarte de San Diego and Casa Manila Patio in Intramuros. Admission is free. For details, call 527-2192 loc. 612 to 615.

### Atbp

ProActive Center for Training offers a **Basic Foodservers Training** on March 27-April 2, 1-5 p.m. at Bedas Restaurant, C-5, Libis, QC. The training features hands-on workshop in table setting, service, napkin folding and table skirting. For registration, call 823-4947.

The Reading Association of the Philippines, national affiliate of the International Reading Association, is holding a **forum on Newspapers in Literacy Education** at the Social Hall of P. Gomez Elementary School, Sta. Cruz, Manila today. Dennis T. Gonzales, newly designated chair of the National Book Development Board, will give the keynote speech. An open forum moderated by Dr. Marietta Reyes-Otero will follow the speech. For details, call 426-6001 local 7154 or 735-7037.

A seminar on **Summit Rituals and Activities—Imbibing a Lifestyle in Harmony with the Higher Self** by Summit Lighthouse Study Group of the Philippines is scheduled on March 26, 6:30 p.m. at No. 1 Gen. Atienza St. corner Gen. Lim, San Antonio Village, Pasig City. For details, call 631-4052.

Learn face drawing, expressions, body movements, angles and characterization through **cartooning and caricature workshop** on March 31 at the Earthlite, 4/F COD Dept. Store Building, Cubao, QC. For details, call 417-1521 or 646-1830.

The School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies, DLSU-College of Saint Benilde, 2544 Taft Ave., Manila is offering **Filipino Sign Language Classes.** Enrollment until April 12. For inquiries, visit SDEAS Office at Room B105 and look for Rey Lee or Jackie Batac or all 526-7441 to 47 loc. 131.

The Blue Eagles Gymnastics Academy will hold its summer **gymnastics workshop** from April 1-May 30 at the Ateneo de Manila High School covered court, Katipunan Avenue, Loyola Heights, QC. Workshop is open to kids, teens and young adults. For inquiries, call 920-8672 or email derekggaerlan@wowmail.com

Repertory Philippines is currently accepting applications for its annual **summer acting workshop** from April 2 to May 31 at the William J. Shaw Theater, Shangri-La Plaza. The workshop is open to everyone from 6 years old and above. Registration fee is P5,000. For details, call 633-4821 to 25.

Adarna House is opening its doors to **submissions of children's stories** for its 2003 batch of storybooks. All manuscripts must be typewritten and submitted to 73-A Scout Limbaga St., Quezon City on or before April 15. For inquiries, call 372-3548 or 49.

The UP Film Center is now accepting applications to its **summer production workshops.** This year, the Center is offering workshops in Basic Video Production (April 15-27 and April 29-May 11), Basic Photography (April 1-6 and April 8-13), Digital Editing (May 26-June 7 and June 10-21), and Video Animation for Teeners and Adults (April 1-12 and May 13-24). For details, call 926-2722 and 926-3640.

Valle Verde Learning Center offers **Kumon Math and Reading.** Enrollment is ongoing. It also offers summer courses beginning April 7 for arts and crafts, problem solving skills development, reading readiness and advance tutorial for primary and secondary levels, Chinese tutorials and Kinder Kumon. For details, call 671-9294 or 671-9121.

Dusit Hotel Nikko celebrates Easter Sunday with **Colors of Easter,** a grand and colorful children's party with lots of flying and hanging balloons, fun-filled games and activities, goodies, giveaways and prizes, and an Easter egg hunt for the whole family. For inquiries, call 829-2559.

Learn painting, sculpture and other crafts this summer. Join **Artstrokes** featuring basic and advanced lessons in drawing and painting using pastel, watercolor, charcoal, oil and mixed media. Courses are open to children and adults. For details, call 740-7221 or Bahay Nakpil at 743-9341.

Join **Creative Writing 2002** this summer featuring courses in children's story, short story, scriptwriting, essay, feature and novel writing. Workshop is open to children and adults. For inquiries, call 740-7221.

The Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) is holding its annual **summer theater arts workshop** on April 8 to May 4 at the UP Integrated School in Katipunan Avenue, Diliman, QC. Courses offered are Children's Theater 1 & 2, Teen Theater 1 & 2, Filipino Improvisational Theater, Basic Acting and Playwriting. For inquiries, call 724-9637 and 410-0822.

The 8th **Perry Sevidal Ballet Summer** begins April 1 until June 1. The eight-week intensive dance classes include classical ballet for all levels from Baby up to Ladies' Ballet. Classes will be held at 8883 Sampaloc Avenue, San Antonio Village, Makati City. For registration, call 894-1239 or 806-7314.

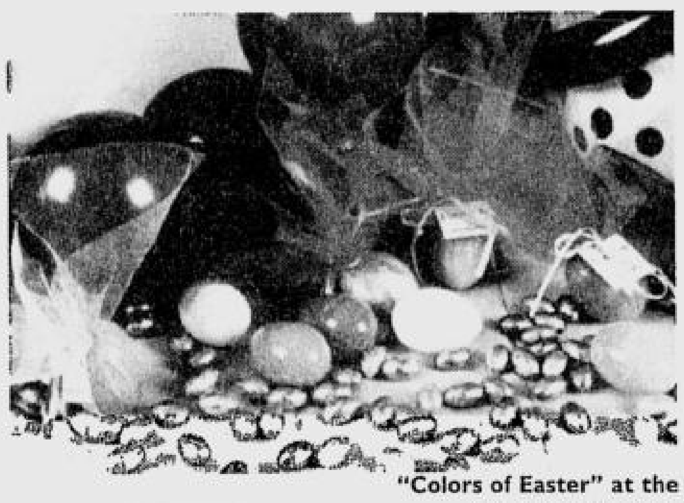
**Ryan Cayabyab The Music Studio** offers Music and Movement for children 3-7 years old. Classes begin on April 3. It also introduces its new course Ensemble Singing for children 8-13 which promotes ear training, good vocal production, repertoire literacy and the enjoyment to sing together with other kids. Auditions for this course are on April 1 and 2 from 2-5 p.m. Classes begin April 4. The studio aslso offers vocal performance workshop for those 14 years and above, and individual voice and piano lessons. For details, call 843-2874 and 844-3330.

**Tapping the Creative Universe,** a workshop that will help uncover, identify and set aside the blocks that stand in the way of creativity in everyday life, to be conducted by Jim Paredes on April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 at the Phildra Building, 51 C. Salvador St., Loyola Heights, QC from 7 to 9 p.m. For details, call 426-5375 or 4360710.

Leonardo M. Hidalgo will conduct a **summer art workshop** for children and adults from April 5 to 24 (MWF) at the Isabella's Art Gallery, 77-79 Roces Avenue, Bgy. Laging Handa, QC. The workshop includes basic drawing for beginners; portrait and landscape painting for intermediate and advanced students using watercolor, acrylic and oil. For details, call 374-1271.

Art Pack at True Value (Rockwell, Makati) offers **Earthenware Ceramic Artistry,** a free form workshop exploring the use of earthenware clay. Other courses offered are Copper Wire Jewelry, Shade and Lamp Artistry, Bottle Frosting/Painting/Embellisment, Stones and Copper Weaving (on bottles and candles), Faux Stained Glass. Kiddie workshops on Clay Exploration, Little Potters, Animation and Tiny Crafters. For details, call 899-1985 or 895-2318.

This summer invest in your own personal growth with **Organizational Change Consultants International** Inc.'s Kidsplay!, April 25-26; Master Trainer Program "The Teambuilding Workshop," April 2-5 (Limited to 30 pax); X-Plore Teen Camp Adventure, April 23-25; or Foundations of Leadership Excellence Seminar, April 27-28. For details, call 687-0510 or 687-0162.



"Colors of Easter" at the Dusit Hotel Nikko

### X-manila

**Intensive Journal Workshops,** three 2-day workshops on journal keeping will be given at Maryknoll Ecological Sanctuary, Campo Sioco, Baguio City from April 13 to 18. For details, call (074) 442-4602/442-4926 during office hours.

**Artreach,** a choral outreach program by the University of Santo Tomas Singers in preparation for their world concert tour from April to December covering Europe, the US and Canada. The UST Singers will be in Sorsogon and Legaspi City in Bicol from March 30 to April 1. On April 5, they will be the featured artists in a dinner-concert sponsored by the Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Lipa at the Casa de Segunda in Lipa City, Batangas. For details, call Viola Villena at 536-6373.

**Legenda Suites** in Subic celebrates Easter Sunday with a fun-filled day of egg hunting, balloon twisting, magic tricks, games and surprises. Also, take advantage of Legenda Suites, Grand Seasons Hotel and Legenda Hotel's discounted room rates for summer, valid until May 31. For inquiries, call 732-9888.

The **Sunday Inquirer Magazine** welcomes listings of events in and outside Metro Manila. Please send announcements at least two weeks in advance, and include contact numbers for inquiries on schedules

**For this week's bands and schedules call:**

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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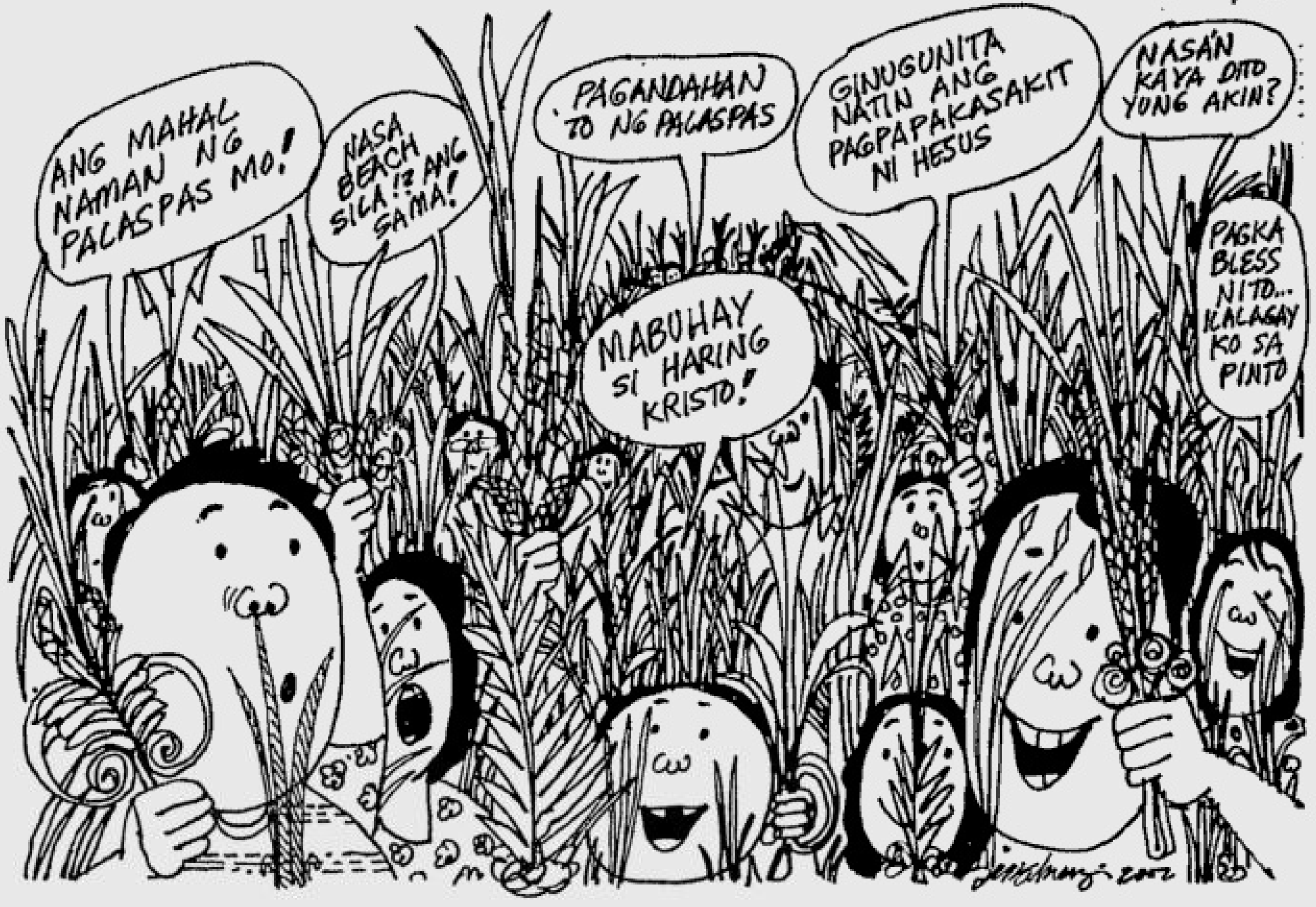
## Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

### Palaspas



ANG MAHAL NAMAN NG PALASPAS MO!
NASA BEACH SILA!? ANG SAMA!
PAGANDAHAN 'TO NG PALASPAS
GINUGUNITA NATIN ANG PAGPAPAKASAKIT NI HESUS
NASAN KAYA DITO YUNG AKIN?
MABUHAY SI HARING KRISTO!
PAGKA BLESS NITO... ILALAGAY KO SA PINTO
Jess Abrera 2002

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## Faith...from page 4

needs. Now, they don't even have to present a collateral. The forthcoming LAGPAS IV aims to encourage the families of the archdiocese to do their share in strengthening Pondong Batangan. In each home, a piggy bank will serve as the depository of the crumbs which, when full, will then be turned over to the parish.

The Archbishop's exalted position has not been without its fair share of problems. Right after his ordination, he had hoped to serve as assistant parish priest, this being the ideal for every priest just out of the seminary. But his superiors had prevailed on him to teach instead. When he was finally given a parish, it was a small one "where you could just go to on weekends to say the Mass because there is nothing else to do there," he was told. Besides, the makeshift rectory was infested with rats. But live he did in that house, and went on to "visit each of the homes in the parish after lunch each day, without exception."

Later, he would find out that he was being shadowed by the military. It was the early years of Martial Law, and as a teacher in the seminary, he had been taking his students to teach-ins where they learned of the real situation in the communities.

After years of visiting Filipino missionaries abroad, Rosales was appointed Bishop of Malaybalay, Bukidnon, and immediately, he knew he was in trouble. For one, the priests did not like him because "you are a Tagalog and the Tagalogs here own big businesses and are oppressing the natives." He asked to be given a chance. To learn the local language, he prohibited everyone from speaking to him in Tagalog. Soon he was delivering his first homily in Bisaya, and the ice was broken.

He eventually gained the people's confidence and was soon enough, educating the people on the evils of logging. "The people were wondering why their harvest was getting leaner each year. That was obviously because of the degradation of the forests as flash floods carried away the topsoil and the earth's nutrients. We opened their eyes and together, as a community, we took a militant stand against the loggers. We barricaded the highways, we fasted, and we conducted hunger strikes in the DENR offices."

Their efforts proved fruitful. His diocese influenced the government in declaring a logging moratorium in an area. Rosales himself was given a license as a forester. He gave other priests the same license, giving each one the right to safeguard the forest according to the laws of the land.

But lives would be sacrificed. One of the diocesan priests, 30-year old Fr. Nery Satur, would be murdered. "He was a young priest who was totally committed to the crusade of keeping the integrity of nature to make farm livelihood more productive for the poor." The tragedy was written about in national and international magazines.

Rosales would later be recognized by the Ateneo de Manila University with the Bukas-Palad Award, "intended for clergy and religious persons, not as a reward to the recipient, but as a reminder to students that there are religious persons in the Philippines who have dedicated their lives to the Church and who work unselfishly for the good of their neighbor."

Not long after, Rosales would come full circle with his installation as the Archbishop of Lipa. The priests of Malaybalay shed tears when he said goodbye. Today, as a Batangueño assigned to his home archdiocese, he believes he has another mission to fulfill.

Now, a native son of Batangas may just be the first Filipino priest to be beatified. Rosales was a young seminarian when the Most Reverend Alfredo Ma. Obviar served as the Auxiliary Bishop of Lipa. Later, having heard of Rosales' election as bishop, Bishop Obviar summoned him and gave him a pastoral staff that the Archbishop uses to this day.

Although it is the Archdiocese of Lucena that started efforts for the beatification process that led to the Vatican imprimatur, Rosales considers it his duty "to remind everyone that the formative years of Bishop Obviar were spent in Batangas, and it was also in our diocese that he developed his pastoral zeal for catechesis which led to his founding of the Misisionary Cathecists of St. Therese in Lucena." Consequently, Rosales organized the *Maka*-Obviar Movement, a multi-sectoral group working for Obviar's cause. Rosales himself initiated the documentation of the life of the late renowned bishop.

Archbishop Rosales has always taken strength from the Word of God. When he was appointed bishop and was asked to choose a motto, he harked back to his early days in the seminary. It was then that he fell in love with a Biblical verse that may well describe the twists and turns his life has taken: "If it dies, it yields much fruit," taken from John 12:24

It is about "being generous in accepting every facet of our life," says Archbishop Rosales. "It is about the unhappy that precedes the happy, the suffering that comes before the triumph, and death and the life that follows it."

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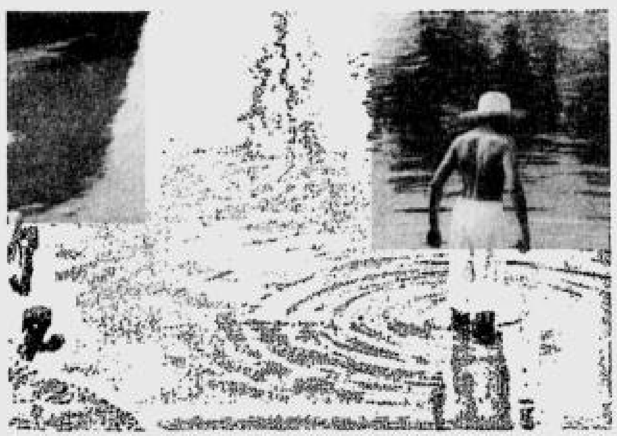
## Picture Perfect



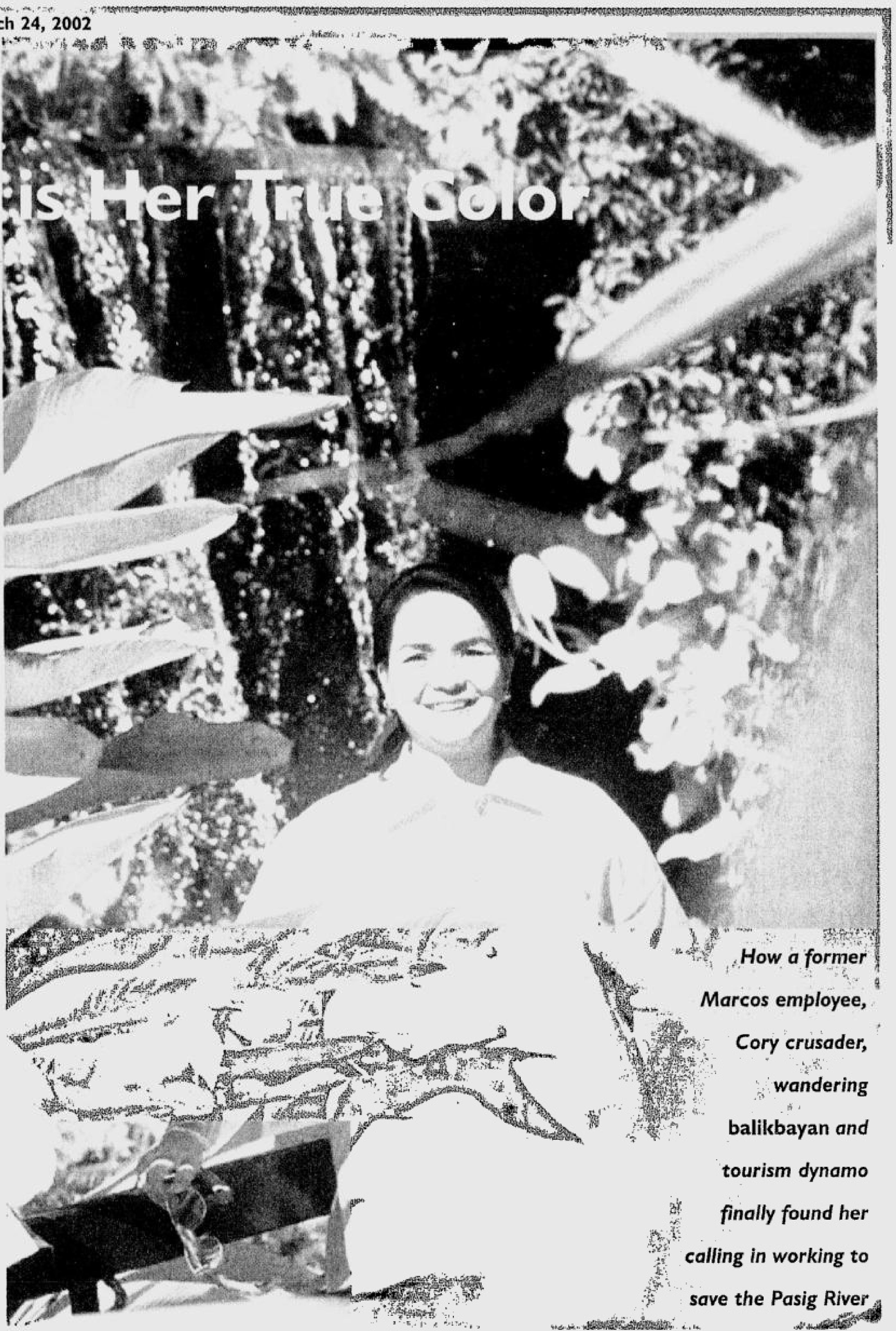
Hone your photography skills at the Mandy Navasero workshop

**Mandy Navasero is conducting two photography workshops this summer. The first is Basic Photography in black and white for seven weeks, including darkroom procedures. Lectures are held every Wednesday, 2-5 p.m. beginning April 17. The second workshop is Advanced Photography from April 6 to May 18. Topics are Portraiture, Fashion and Glamour, Product Photography, Architecture, Travel and Food Photography using available light. Participants are expected to have their own 35mm camera with interchangeable lens. Registration is ongoing at 1935 Dominga St., Pasay City or call 522-1905, 522-5185 or 522-5189.**

**People for the Planet**

*By Sylvia L. Mayuga*

# Green is Her True Color



*How a former Marcos employee, Cory crusader, wandering balikbayan and tourism dynamo finally found her calling in working to save the Pasig River*

JOAN BONDOC

**ER CAREER began in music, detoured to tourism and, after several winding turns, joined a steep upriver trek to save the deteriorating Pasig River. Imelda Sarmiento – Imê to everyone and executive director of the Clean and Green Foundation – laughs a lot in her rich alto. Perhaps it's because she's seen enough of history's duds and surprises to know that what goes up must come down, but could just as well go back up again.**

Born to a musical home, she cross-enrolled for college, major in marimba at the Holy Spirit, minor in piano at Sta. Isabel. Too engrossed with perfecting Fritz Kreisler's "*Praeludium et Allegro,*" her graduation piece with orchestra, she barely heard history's drum while the First Quarter Storm raged outside. Soon she was in America past martial law's travel ban, as performer and member of the Philippine delegation to Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington.

There she struck a friendship with former Miss Caltex Aurora Patricio, also head of delegation. On leave as Manila Hilton marketing manager, Aurora was next summoned to the Philippine Consulate's tourism desk in New York. Recognizing its major dollar-earning potential, then President Marcos had just created a new Ministry of Tourism (MOT).

A North American expansion program was ready for take-off when love called to Aurora. The newlywed then asked Imê: could she be her second-in-command? But barely settled in Manhattan and a career change, Imê again saw off her friend Rorie, this time to join her husband on a job transfer to Singapore. So a keyboard artist became tourism attaché in New York.

She turned out to be a natural. While opposition ideologues called tourism the "cosmetics" of the Marcos regime, Imê was opening the Philippine Convention Bureau in Washington D.C. and MOT offices in Chicago and LA. Hard work beneath the glamour, payback was dramatic: 300,00 to 400,000 tourists in the late '70s hit a million in 1980, a 100 percent increase in three years that earned a Pacific Association of Travel Agents, NY Chapter award for "best promotion."

The following October, a plastic bomb smuggled into the PICC Plenary Hall, planted close to Marcos' seat, exploded at the American Society of Travel Agents convention in Manila. Partnered by Victor Lovely, the bomber-in-disguise was an official delegate, Doris Baffrey, also of the *Partido Demokratiko Sosyalista ng Pilipinas* (PDSP). Her father Commodore Nuval had requested her "exile" from MOT Manila to New York, with a handwritten note on her papers in Marcos' own hand: "It's not a sensitive post anyway."

It was a stunning blow. But Ms. Sarmiento was not about to quit. She now took pride in her role at capturing a share of one of the world's largest travel markets, with major events like young Lea Salonga's first US concert under her belt. To counteract negative post-ASTA publicity, she took to the stage again with the third movement of Filipino composer Tabayoyong's Concerto No.1 in C Major for the piano, transposed to the marimba.

"We were the icing on the cake but didn't know what was inside it," she says.

Soon the cake was melting in a rain of hooting oppositionists at home and abroad over events like the Bloomingdale exhibit in New York and the Marcos US. state visit in '82. With the cosmetic lifting of martial law also came a growing number of visitors bearing uncensored views from home. Among them, the late Louie Beltran remarked to Imê, "You Filipinos abroad are suffering from a bad case of amnesia."

The Aquino assassination was a final jolt to memory, turning the Philippines into raw meat for a steady diet of disaster stories in the US. Imê saw Smokey Mountain for the first time on TV. Buoyant pride in the Pinoy leavened her embarrassment, "*Pati mga yagit, nag-iingles. Ang galing naman natin!* (Imagine that! Even scavengers back home speak English! We're good!)" Still, it was no contest between a new campaign promoting exotic "islands in the Pacific" and a ballooning parliament of the streets.

Back for her mother's death anniversary and her father's passing in March of '84, Imê found her activist younger brothers turning their home into "yellow headquarters." The breaking point was nearing. Quitting government in '85, she landed in San Francisco and tried tour promotion with a private travel agency. History was unrelenting. By '86, she was packing up 10 years of her life, bound for the unknown back home.

Bruised over years of hard work swept away by tidal change, she refused offers of new government jobs. "*Ayoko na sa gobyerno,*" she said, secretly identifying with the plight of diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, gradually ascending to the UN secretary general's post only to find himself on the wrong end of history in his last years.

Next she was surveying post-tectonic political ground. "Everyone was 'only a meter away' from the tanks. *Kasya bang lahat ng tao sa metrong 'yon?*" she asks irreverently. Meanwhile she landed a job with a drug company, then found herself in business with convention industry pioneer Beth de la Fuente — like her, suffering the "leprosy" of association with the Marcos years. They landed a contract with the late Geny Lopez for an Asian media convention in early '90, nearly aborted by the last RAM coup attempt in '89. "*Déjà vu,*" says Imê. "The '80s began with a bomb and ended in a series of bangs."

A *balikbayan* oligarch home from political exile led to a new turn, however. Keen eye for talent, Lopez next wanted her in a resurrected ABS-CBN. She demurred, not "know(ing) anything about the industry." So he asked her to become executive director of the emergent Citizens' Crusade for Democracy with Peace and Justice (CCDPJ) "to safely usher Cory to the end of her term." "Imagine me," giggles Ime, "a former Marcos employee helping to save Cory!"

Chaired by Cecilia Muñoz Palma and the late Diosdado Macapagal, CCDPJ members included senior religious and business leaders – a doorway to yellow inner circles. As it morphed into the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting for the '92 elections and converged with the Citizens for Orderly, Meaningful and Peaceful Elections, Imê landed with laughing activist contemporaries once hidden from her view. One of them, Dan Songco, led her to the next bend in the river.

In 1995, as consultant for the Pasig River Rehabilitation Secretariat, he handed her a concept paper called *Piso Para sa Pasig* (PPP). The goal was to raise P50 million for advocacy to complement a 15-year river rehabilitation plan completed in Cory's last year by the Danish International Development Assistance (DANIDA).

Thinking the goal could be met in five months, or five weeks if First Lady Ming Ramos picked up the phone like Mrs. Marcos, Imê said yes. She was back in the swim — with Aquino supporters this time - on a relay race to revive the Pasig. The first lap led not into a tourist pavilion to play Filipino classics on the marimba but down a dead river on a swept but still reeking garbage barge.

A new learning curve began for Imê as executive director for the Clean & Green Foundation, Inc. (C&GFI), an umbrella for project *Piso*. Chair Ming Ramos not only picked up the phone with utmost *delicadeza,* she inspired with a *raison d'être* alive in her own garden — continuity for a crusade beyond politics, into posterity.

Imê calls the DANIDA river rehabilitation blueprint "an orchestral piece in three movements": first, clean-up of 45 percent industrial pollution; second, sweep-up of 10 percent solid waste (*basura*); the third, elimination of 45 percent domestic liquid waste. This involves total riverbank-squatter relocation, converting all septic tanks and, after centuries of raw disposal, a new sewerage system to treat waste before its release.

FVR saw to the dredging of sunken derelicts, swept garbage, relocated "around 5,000" squatter families. Erap relocated more squatters, elevated a DENR task force to a new Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC), and ordered a riverbank development plan.

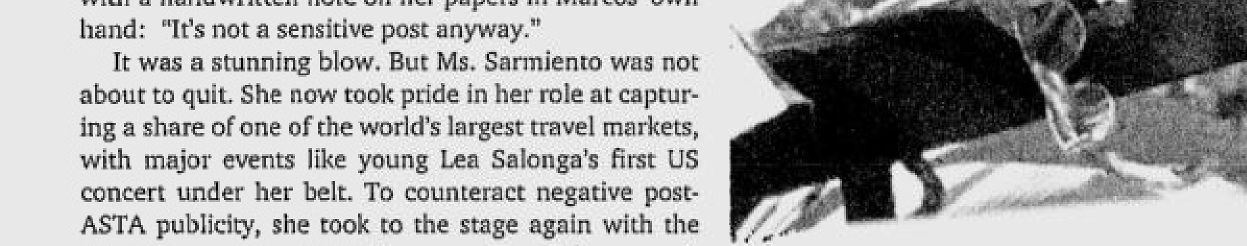
In virtual intermission, the first Arroyo year saw the reversal of past achievements.

Squatters are back, multiplying daily in cleared areas with impunity. Upon turnover to LGUs, the beginnings of an envisioned east riverbank park complex began deteriorating in Del Pan and reeling under Manila Mayor Lito Atienza's designs on Mehan-Arroceros. GMA's new Executive Order 72 has just volleyed the PRRC to the Metro Manila Development Authority . Garbage-, and soon flood-besieged MMDA chair Ben Abalos must also wield the baton over local governments with devolved police powers over riverbanks.

Imê is in a new balancing act. With "cleanest and greenest" riverbank barangay contests, the need for public update and dialogue birthed a new biennial symposium "Kumusta Ka Na, Ilog Pasig?" in 2000. In 2001 came the annual Pasig River Heritage Marathon — from Intramuros to Fort Bonifacio Global City through 13 bridges, a close look at a once magnificent mother river and how a daughter city has forgotten. Next: a Pasig River Heritage Map and musical classics on CD.

Art bends to advocacy, the river stretches on — in discovery and battle on the side of the angels. Modest in the service of wholeness (a.k.a. ecology), musical Ms. Imê — red, white, blue, yellow, and now green — sits in C&GFI's new Orchidarium & Butterfly Pavilion in Rizal Park and shuttles between art and science, the PPP and three PRRC committees. She now "prefer(s) NGOs."

So will she stay? "OGK," she laughs again. Only God knows.



**Next stop for Imê: Clearing up the Pasig, the river that runs through this mess**